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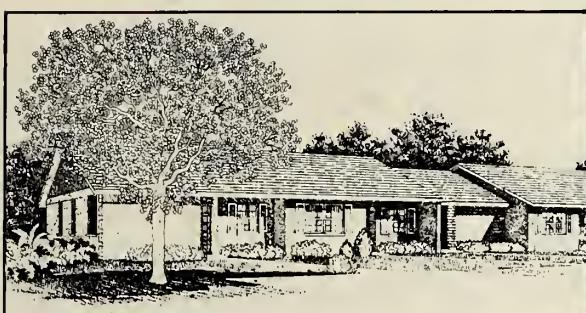
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A Note Of Thanks

In our January issue we asked our readers to let us know if they liked the new format of our magazine. We also called on Legionnaires to tell us why they joined the organization.

We have been deluged with mail, on both counts, and we want to thank the many hundreds of readers who took the trouble to write us.

Those who set forth what they liked—and disliked—about the magazine have given the editorial staff some very helpful guidelines. Unfortunately we are unable to write individual letters to all those who gave us their ideas, and this we would have liked to do, if only to explain why certain things are done as they are.

But the letters have been most helpful, and we thank you for them.

To the hundreds who wrote telling why they joined The American Legion we extend a special thank-you because the letters made us feel good about our organization. When we publish the "extra special" letters in our May issue we think you will understand our feelings.

The Editors

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45-54	15,180.00	12,650.00	10,120.00	7,590.00	5,060.00	2,530.00
55-59	8,280.00	6,900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
60-64	5,520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
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Commander's Message



John M. (Jack) Carey

What Is Communism?

We used to hear a lot about communists in this country and their various contributions to the cause. But in recent years there has been an interesting change. One seldom hears about communist professors, dealers in stolen documents, bomb makers or assassins. Usually they are described as Marxists, Trotskyites, Maoists, or members of such exotic outfits as the Socialist Workers Party or the Progressive Labor Party.

This is not to say that the Communist Party in this country is out of business. Far from it. It is just that many of the people who are working to advance the cause of world communism operate under different labels. However, for the purpose of this message they can all be lumped together despite apparent differences in their ideology.

Just as communism is a mystery for non-communists, so is its terminology. Communist jargon deals in such terms as dialectical materialism, thesis and antithesis, the law of negation, the class struggle, economic determinism, ad nauseam. However, it isn't all that mysterious. Communism can be described quite simply.

For all practical purposes, communism simply means control. It was summed up in a few words by Natalia Solzhenitsyn recently, addressing an audience of Dartmouth students. As reported by Jeffrey Hart in his

column, she told the students, "The Communist state . . . is not satisfied with running politics and the economy. It wills total domination, intends to exercise a moral and spiritual monopoly."

The key word is "monopoly." Despite such persuasive promises that under communism the state will wither away, all property will belong to mankind in common, and crime and poverty will disappear, the facts are otherwise. Wherever the communists have seized control the state becomes dominant, and every thought and action of every inhabitant is rigidly controlled.

The history of this century provides a running commentary on how the communists have seized control of one country after another. Following the dictates of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and others, they have used subversion, violence, intimidation, assassination, armed force and deceit to subjugate peoples.

Deceit is high on their list. To win an ambitious political leader to their cause, they will promise him high office. To win over the poor and the hungry, the promise will be "bread and land." However, under the communist monopoly the land is never theirs and the bread they get comes at high cost. And the politician, of course, is owned body and soul.

Communism is a jealous master, and the monopoly it exercises is complete and absolute. Of course, it covers the entire political and economic structure, but it controls the individual with equal harshness. Behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains the individual is virtually a robot, programmed to do the bidding of his masters. And heaven help those who indicate in any way their disapproval of the all-powerful state.

This, however, is logical in the communist mind since communism holds that man is merely a higher form of animal, and as subject to state control as a horse, a cow, or any other animal.

Hundreds of millions of people now living under the yoke of communism are well aware of this form of physical, mental and spiritual slavery. We get occasional glimpses of its meaning as we see the way so many try to escape the system, often dying in the attempt.

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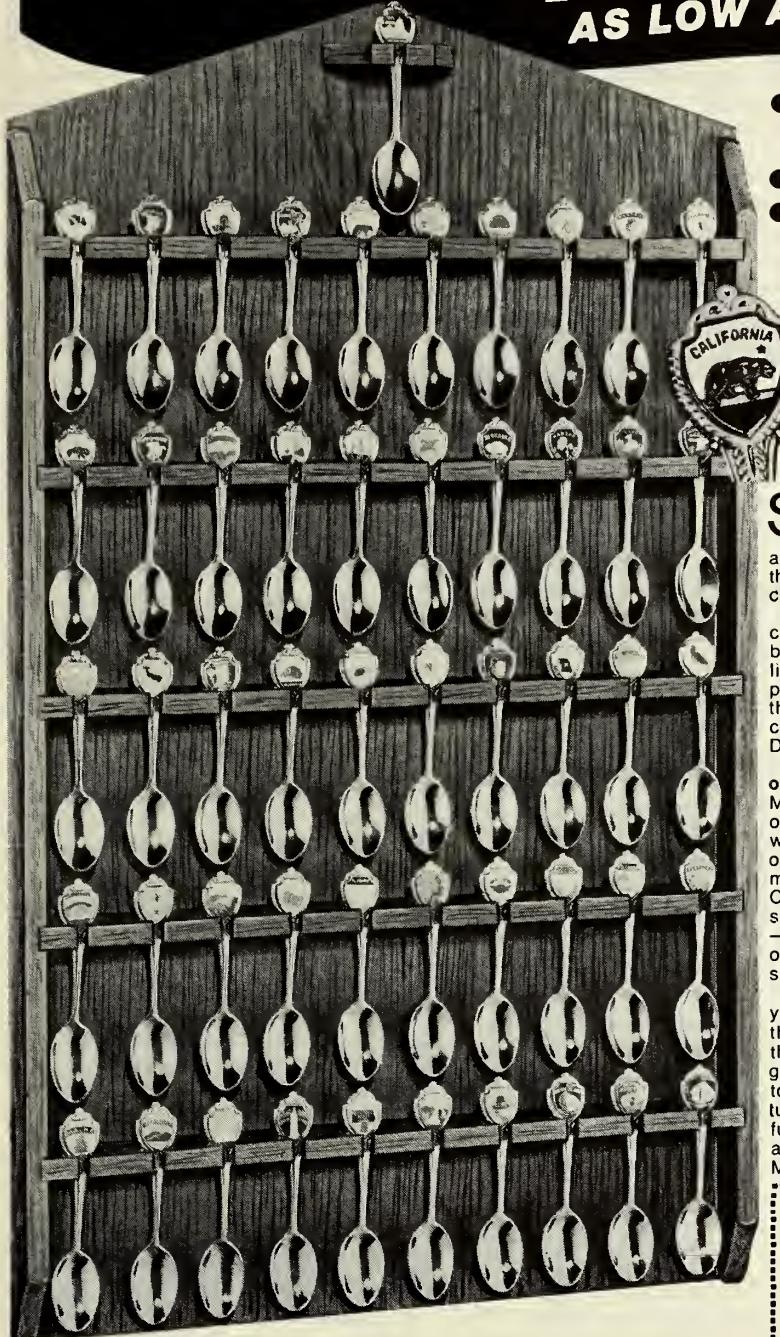
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Letters

SIR: I found "The Story of Stripes" (January) most interesting. As a former Air Force newspaper editor, I wanted a chance to work on "Stripes" but then didn't every other military journalist? I am now an editor of a civilian weekly newspaper, so I can appreciate what you have accomplished with both the looks and content of our magazine. Keep up the good work.

KEN PADEN
Oxford, N.Y.

SIR: "The Story of Stripes" was very nostalgic. However, the article did not mention either the Mid-Pacific or Pacific editions, of which the author was probably unaware or it was not of concern since the war was over in Europe. Thank you for this article.

ROBERT E. SCONCE
Chicago, Ill.

SIR: "The Story of Stripes" brought back some fond memories of the Paris of 1945. A former combat infantryman with the 87th Division (3rd Army), I was assigned to the Information and Education Division in Paris in May 1945. Although I was never a member of the Stars and Stripes staff, the I & E Division occupied an office building on the Rue de Berri. Chez Mercier was also our mess hall. Occasionally I attend the annual reunion of the 87th Division Association and I continue to follow the "Outfit Reunion" column in The American Legion Magazine with the hope that someday there will be a reunion of the I & E "survivors" of 19 Rue de Berri.

WILLIAM G. MILLER
Selinsgrove, Pa.

SIR: As a Legionnaire I was interested in the December article "The Mapping of America," but as a ninth generation descendant of Thomas Jefferson, and of course one further removed from his father, Peter Jefferson, it has even more importance for me. Jefferson descendants are proud of their progenitor and his remarkable achievement in several fields. For anyone to excel as a statesman, inventor, agronomist, musician, architect, etc., would be impressive, but to find one gifted in all must be universally extraordinary. Peter Jefferson's mention was the most important. His exploratory work has not been ade-

quately spotlighted. During a 1976 Bicentennial event at Independence Hall in Philadelphia along the walls of the large meeting room, colony maps attested to Peter Jefferson remained in quiet but impressive testimonial to his necessary work of original mapping of the colonies. Congratulations and thanks for a timely article.

L. C. BANKHEAD, JR.
Higbee, Mo.

SIR: I truly enjoyed the December issue. "The Mapping of America" was excellent, as was "Water—Is There Enough?" But the story that caught my eye and heart was "A Very Special Christmas." Let us have more such articles in future issues. The story in a few words said volumes for the way Americans really are, and not as some of the foreign press would have us appear.

HAMPTON CROSBY
Tucson, Ariz.

SIR: The Commander's Message, "Whatever Happened to the United States" in the December issue was very impressive. I read the article several times and it truly made me feel proud to be an American. It has been said that every civilization has been destroyed from within, not from without. If we are to survive another hundred years we must begin the practice of your message of unity and the understanding of "We" instead of "I."

ELMER DOTTER
Fort Myers, Fla.

SIR: The Commander's Message "Whatever Happened to the United States" is the truest statement I have ever read. I would like to see the message reprinted in one of the most widely-read publications to reach the largest audience. Congratulations to the Commander for an excellent article.

WALTER G. COOKSON
Daly City, Calif.

SIR: I read with much interest the excellent article "Fitness Phobia" in the January issue. It rekindled fond memories of a commencement speech given in 1909 by Mark Twain at St. Timothy's School in Catonsville, (Continued on page 8)

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Letters

Maryland. I was a mere boy but after 70 years the picture of the man and his remarks remain in my mind as of yesterday. In his comments about exercise he certainly was in agreement with your article, although expressed in a more humorous manner, as follows: "The only exercise I ever got was acting as pallbearer for my athletic friends."

C. ROLAND SHARRETT
Chesterstown, Md.

SIR: I think you have an excellent magazine, well arranged and up-to-date with current events. I was not old enough to be in World War I, however, I have enjoyed immensely your articles of the fighting in France. I read with interest your articles that keep us current on the activities of our enemies. Russia is behind so many of the trouble spots in the world. First riots, then strikes, then resignation of leaders, followed by takeover by a puppet government that generally affiliates itself with Russia. I look forward to each issue.

FREDERICK C. REYNOLDS
Plainville, Mass.

SIR: Congratulations for the attention you have given inflation! I have reference in particular to "Australian Turnaround" in your December issue, and "What's Ahead for 1979" (January). "Australian Turnaround" contained the most cheering news I've read in years. Consequently, I have passed it on to many others, including several publications. It is very encouraging that your magazine emphasizes the importance of inflation and its implications. Keep up the excellent work.

JOSEPH A. PATTERSON
Bristol, N.H.

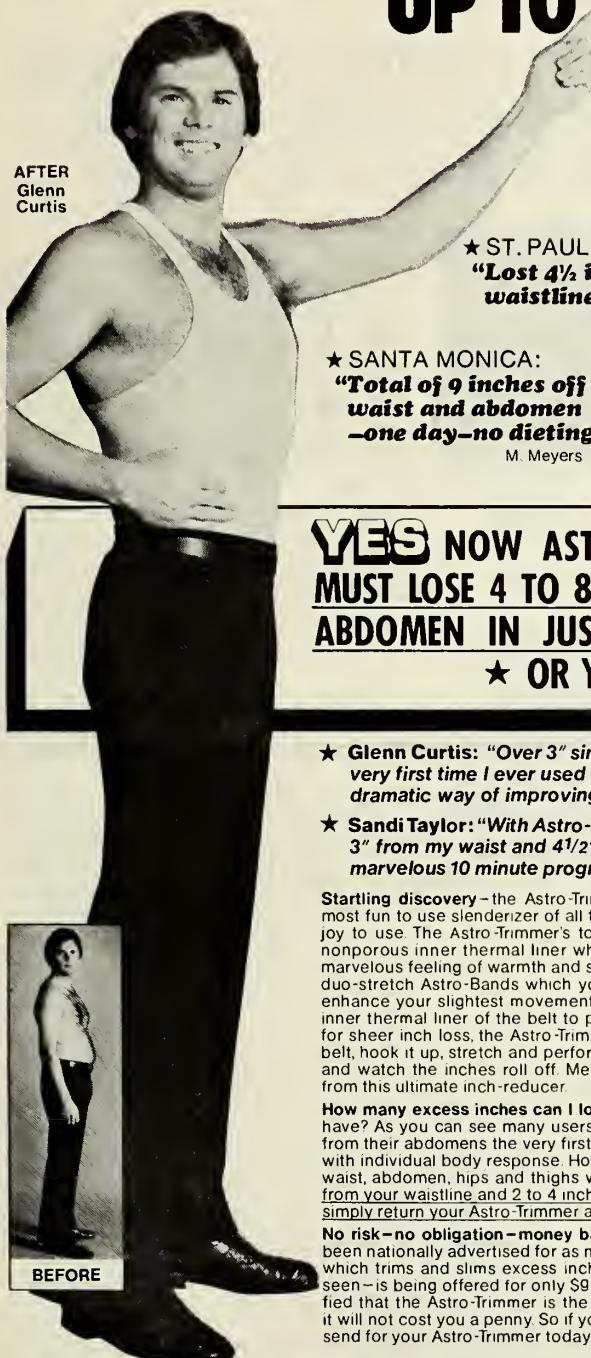
SIR: I have been a Legionnaire for 55 years. I'm also a stamp collector and a charter member of the Eisenhower Philatelic and Historical Society. I am surprised to note in your October article "The Story of World War II as Told by Stamps," there is not a single Eisenhower stamp used.

J. WILLIAM SCHMALZ
Delray Beach, Fla.

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Big Issues



**Sen. Jack
Danforth
(R-Mo.)**

Should Congressional Terms Be Limited to 12 Years?

Yes. One of the problems with Congress is that its members almost never seem to know when to step aside. Congressional service is exciting and challenging. There's a great temptation to stay in office forever.

Our founding fathers never intended it to be this way. They had the idea that congressmen would be private citizens on leave to their government. A congressman who serves for life really is not "of the people."

But many congressmen spend the better part of their adult life here in Washington. The sad results are obvious. First, Congress has grown more distant from the American people. Second, the growth and cost of government has skyrocketed as congressmen say anything, do anything and spend anything to get themselves re-elected.

Early in the 95th Congress, together with six other senators, I proposed a constitutional amendment which would limit senators to two six-year terms and House members to six two-year terms. Hearings were held in 1978, but chances for early passage are very slim. That is to be expected. I plan to reintroduce the amendment in the 96th Congress. I think it's important that this debate continue.

Limiting congressional terms will force turnover, bring in new people, generate fresh ideas and insure close communication between the people and their elected representatives. Furthermore, by limiting terms, the power that lifetime legislators accumulate will be restrained. The advantages of incumbency will not go on forever. Perhaps most important, a limited terms amendment would say to congressmen that their days in Washington are numbered and that they had better make the very best of their time. It also would say to them that there is a day of reckoning—that is, a day when they must return home and live with the laws they enacted in Washington.

Public pressure forced a limitation on the number of terms a president can serve. If Congressional terms are to be limited, public pressure will be the catalyst. Congress will not limit the tenure of its members unless and until the people demand it. A Gallup Poll early last year showed that 60 percent of the American people would support a limit on congressional tenure. If they believe that strongly, limits can and should become part of our Constitution.



**Sen. Jennings
Randolph
(D-W. Va.)**

No. Limitation of Congressional service is firmly embodied in the Constitution of the United States. It is the absolute requirement that each member of the House of Representatives must stand for re-election every two years, and each senator must place his or her record before constituents every six years and receive their judgment on his or her abilities and performance.

The framers of the Constitution wisely incorporated this self-limiting principle as a positive assurance that no legislator can safely ignore the need and desires of the voters he or she is elected to represent.

As one who is now entering his 21st year as a United States Senator, and with a total of 34 years of legislative service, I can honestly say that I have never considered any election as assured. In fact, given the current mood of the voting public, voluntary retirements, and the rising trend toward single-issue politics, the Congress in recent years has undergone a startling change in cast. The 1978 general election produced 20 new faces in the Senate alone.

It is specious, I believe, to argue that any congressman who has served 12 years in the House is unfit to be a senator, or vice versa. The sole performance test of a legislator should be his or her ability, integrity and effectiveness. In most cases, the latter characteristic is acquired by experience.

I can only conclude that any proposal calculated to impose a restriction of service in the legislative branch is offered on the basis of age. Chronological age alone is a poor indicator of ability to perform on the job. Mandatory retirement at a fixed age or an arbitrary length of service does not take into account a person's abilities and capacities, which vary sharply from individual to individual.

Among the key findings of a Harris Poll conducted for the National Council on Aging last year was the fact that 86 percent of the American public agreed with the statement: "Nobody should be forced to retire because of age, if he wants to continue working and is still able to do a good job."

In our democratic election process, Congress is being continually infused with new blood and new ideas. It has been my experience, however, that activity and innovation are not unique to any segment of our society, certainly not on the basis of age or length of service.

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News to Use

Insurance Protection Update

Burglaries are showing such an alarming increase that they now are in the billion-dollar-a-year-class, ranking among the top crime categories. So police and insurance companies are urging you to review these financial angles:

- Check your home owners' insurance policy for coverage. Most stipulate a payout for loss of personal possessions and furnishings up to 40 percent—50 percent of the coverage on the dwelling itself—i.e., if the residence is insured for, say, \$60,000, personal property automatically is insured in a range of \$24,000 to \$30,000, depending on policy.
- However, all policies limit losses on certain items. For example, jewelry or furs are covered only to the extent of \$500 (less in some policies).

• To protect such items properly, you can buy special insurance. Here are some typical costs cited by the Independent Insurance Agents of America: jewelry, \$1 per \$100 of value per year; furs, 40¢ per \$100; silver, 20¢; coins, \$1.90; cameras, \$1.55; musical instruments, 75¢.

• Uncle Sam allows you a partial tax deduction for losses due to theft—but only the excess over \$100 plus insurance recovery, if any.

• Normally, an insurance company assumes you will report losses honestly, hence usually pays off without fuss. In fact, many people under-report, because they aren't sure of what they really own (which is why an inventory or pictures are so useful).

Where The Jobs Are In '79

If you have any collegians who are graduating next summer, advise them not to look for government jobs. The College Placement Council says pickings in that sector will be very slim (due to fiscal belt-tightening), resulting in a 12 to 15 percent drop in jobs for newcomers.

Prospects in private industry, on the other hand, will be rosy (up around 17 percent over last year). Demand for engineers is especially strong.

AAA's Good-Car-Care Tips

Buying gasoline at self-service stations can cut your fuel bills appreciably. But don't do it at the expense of neglecting the car care previously monitored by station attendants. You—and whomever else drives your vehicle—should remember the following AAA tips:

Check crankcase oil about every 500 miles; test battery water level and connections every 1,000 miles (500 miles in extreme weather); take tire pressure weekly (better use your own gauge); check windshield solvent regularly; test brake, transmission and power steering fluid levels every 1,000 miles (if you don't know how, ask a mechanic); clean wipers, lights and mirrors weekly; and test hoses, belts and clamps monthly.

Cable-TV On A Growth Cycle

Equipped with some new lures, the cable-TV companies are out to fish for more subscribers. You'll probably be invited to join up, with promises of better reception and a wider choice of programs because:

One, the Federal Communications Commission now will permit cable companies to pick up additional signals from distant TV stations, thus enlarging their entertainment menus.

Two, the use of satellite transmission is growing, which means that more special fare can be piped out on a nationwide basis.

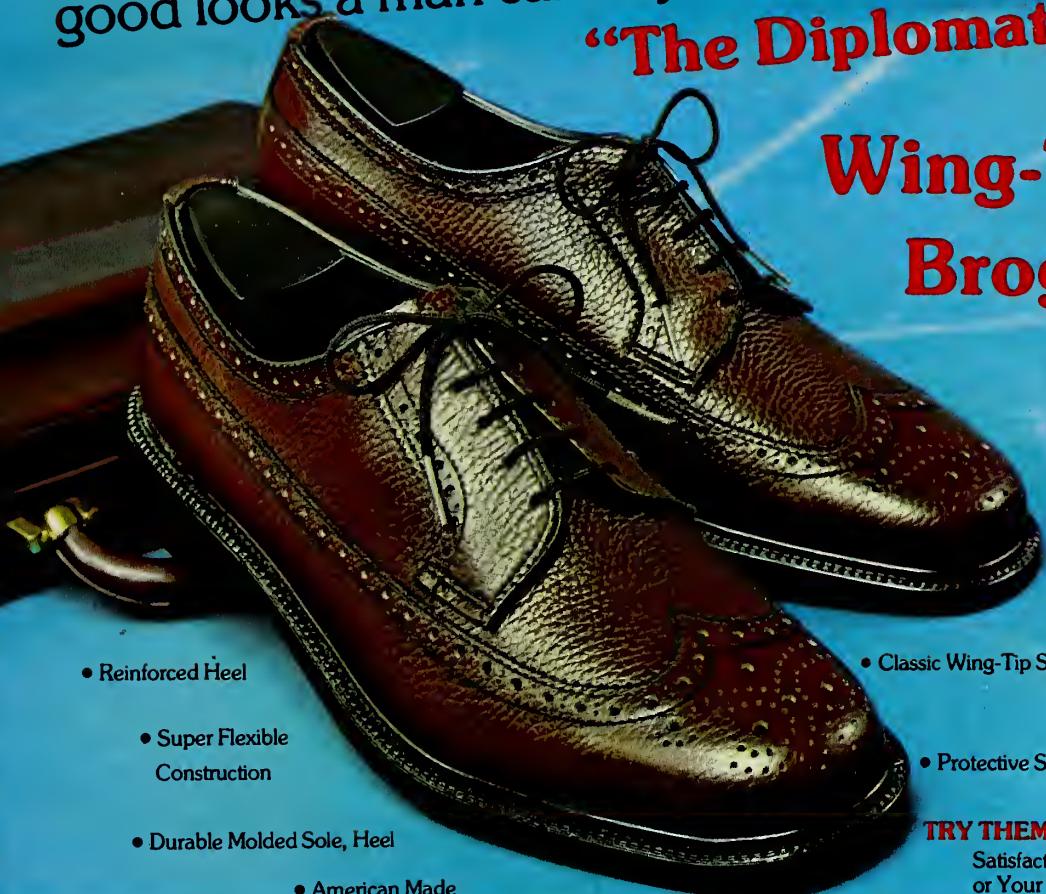
Originally, cable-TV was designed to get TV signals into viewers' homes via wire-in areas where reception was poor or non-existent. That still is one of the industry's strengths, but just as big a selling point nowadays is the variety of programs, plus (for an additional fee) the latest movies and special events. Basic cost to subscribers averages out to about \$7 per month. Currently some 14 million homes are hooked up by cable (about 20 percent of the nation), served by some 4,000 cable operators. Based on recent trends, the industry sees a growth rate as high as 10 percent per year.

—By Edgar A. Grunwald

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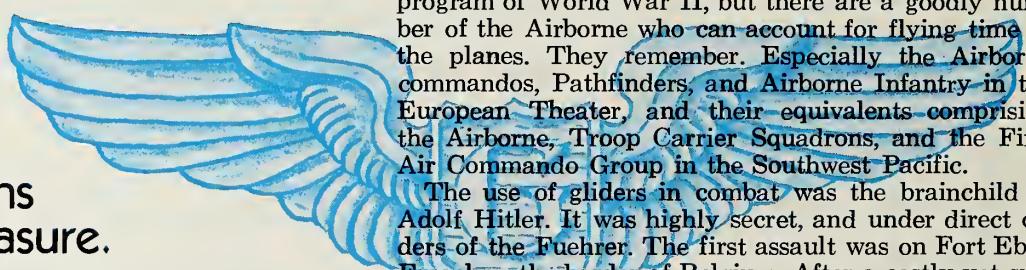
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Silent Wings of World War II

By B. J. McCausey

Many GIs flew
in glider missions
but not for pleasure.



Glider landings behind Utah Beach on D-Day are shown in the author's painting "Rat Race on the LZ." Below is shown a controlled crash in a Burma jungle as portrayed in his "Big Hit on Broadway."



There are few people who remember the assault glider program of World War II, but there are a goodly number of the Airborne who can account for flying time in the planes. They remember. Especially the Airborne commandos, Pathfinders, and Airborne Infantry in the European Theater, and their equivalents comprising the Airborne, Troop Carrier Squadrons, and the First Air Commando Group in the Southwest Pacific.

The use of gliders in combat was the brainchild of Adolf Hitler. It was highly secret, and under direct orders of the Fuehrer. The first assault was on Fort Eben Emael on the border of Belgium. After a costly yet successful invasion of Crete, Hitler abandoned the use of the glider.

But by then almost every Allied country and branch of service had picked up the idea, and were experimenting with their various designs.

The debut of the German glider was also accompanied by another secret weapon, the "hollow charge." The original discovery by an American scientist, C. E. Munroe, was utilized by the Germans to construct a device that would blow a hole through six inches of steel. The bomb was used at Eben Emael. The Ameri-

cans had a device using the same principle in the "shaped charge" for the bazooka. The Munroe principle was later used to develop the atom bomb.

The English Horsa and the United States Waco CG-4A were the main glider models sharing alike in the European Theater. Only the Waco flew in the Southwest Pacific and out of North Africa. Glider riders were from all Allied countries at one time or another. There were even Japanese—the Nisei, in ETO of course.

The CG (Cargo Glider), named the Hadrian by the British, carried a quarter-ton truck and three men, or a 75-mm howitzer with three men, or a Jeep with three men, or a D-2 Bulldozer and two men, or three mules and two mule skinners, or 13 men fully equipped, or supply trailers and various supplies and ammunition.

There were other modifications and designs of the CG numbering as high as 41 models. Loading was accomplished by raising the nose section, inside of which were located the two pilot seats, while propping up the tail section. Cargo load—4,060 pounds.

The British Horsa Mark I and II carried 28 troops, or two Jeeps and drivers, or two half-ton trucks and drivers, or a 75-mm howitzer and a quarter-ton truck with four men, or a small tank. Cargo load—7,380 pounds. The Hamilcar carried a Tetrach tank, or a Locust tank, or two armored scout cars, or 40 men. Cargo—17,500 pounds. Other British models were the Hengist and the Hotspur.

The Germans had the DFS-230 assault glider as their main air weapon. Experiments for other models were of gigantic size, and a small single-man glider-fighter interceptor where the pilot lay prone. The glider carried two 30-mm cannons.

Experimental gliders were the order of the day. Countries other than the above mentioned, built at least one model. They were Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Italy, Japan, Russia, Sweden, and Turkey.

The largest number of glider missions were carried out in the European Theater. Related to or within the missions were innumerable serials and sorties. Many daring flights were made some of which used a "clothes line" arrangement to snatch the gliders off the ground by a swooping tow plane. Mussolini was rescued from his jail in the Abruzzi mountains of Italy by a German glider mission although he was flown out by the only powered plane in the group—a single-engine Storch.

The storybook mission of the gliders was in Burma. The characters were of the Army Air Forces backed by soldiers from all over the area of CBI. The combined operation was centered around a village named Myitkyina (Mitch-i-naw) 200 miles behind the Japanese lines. The three main glider LZ's were called "Broadway" after that street in New York City. Another was "Picadilly" after the one in London, and still another was "Chowringhee" for Calcutta honoring the soldiers from those countries.

The United States Troop Carrier Squadrons and the First Air Commando Group were supported by ground forces of General Stilwell and the famous Merrill's Marauders. Glider riders were Chindits, Kachins, Gurkhas with their kukri knives, Aussies, Tommies, and Yanks who came from Britain, Burma, West Af-



Gliders may have appeared to be flimsy, but they could carry heavy loads. Here a jeep was loaded as part of the invasion of Holland.

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rica, India, China, the United States, and an occasional Australian.

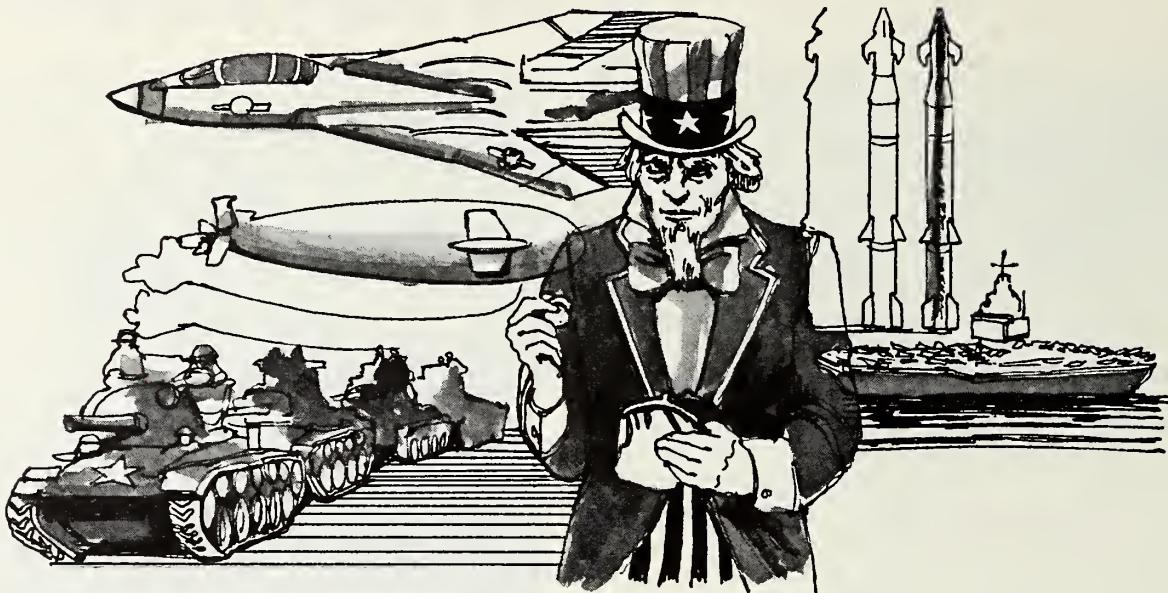
The leaders were Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate who was a student and protege of Lawrence of Arabia. Colonel Cochran, glider leader, was a model for Flip Corkin in the cartoon strip "Terry and the Pirates." Movie actor Jackie Coogan flew a lead glider into a jungle patch in the dead of night to set up landing operations. It was rumored that Mickey Spillane, creator of Mike Hammer, was a glider pilot. The rank-and-file pilots had their complement of writers, artists, and businessmen, and a couple of millionaires thrown in as well.

The fighting Gurkhas from India expressed the general sentiment on seeing the gliders for the first time: "We're ready to fight and are not afraid to die, but do you know those airplanes do not have motors?"

Glider pilots were dual-rated volunteers, and some came from bomber, transport and pursuit plane outfits. They found the jungles difficult to cope with, and controlled crashes were part of glider flying. The heat and humidity rotted ropes and fabric. Aborts were frequent. Many gliders were lost over the mountains when ropes broke, clearings in the look-alike jungle were mistaken for LZ's, and power troubles plagued many of the tow planes.

One serial of 54 gliders ended up with only three
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Considering the fact that we are dealing in inflated dollars, the \$117 billion spent on national defense in 1978 is actually \$6 billion less than was spent in 1964.



OUR DECLINING INVESTMENT IN DEFENSE

By William E. Simon

One of the most common misconceptions in the mind of the American public is the notion that U.S. defense expenditures have been increased without interruption for as far back as anyone can remember. It is not difficult to understand why this is so since not everyone is aware of the devastating impact of inflation on every aspect of our economic affairs.

Indeed, defense expenditures have increased in terms of current or "inflated" dollars from \$50 billion in 1964 to \$117 billion in 1978. However, these statistics conceal more than they reveal about what has happened to American defense expenditures over that 15-year period. If the 1964 defense expenditures were converted to their equivalent purchasing power in 1978 dollars, they would have represented a \$123-billion expenditure. Thus the \$117 billion spent on national defense in 1978 is actually \$6 billion less than was spent in 1964.

In comparison, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Dr. William J. Perry, recently revealed that the Soviet Union is now spending \$170 billion annually for defense. This is \$50 billion more than the United States will spend in the current fiscal year.

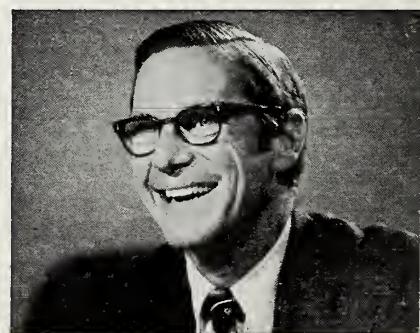
Expenditures for national security purposes are unique among government programs in that they are the only expenditures which are truly uncontrollable. This is because the requirements are set not by the policy preferences of the American electorate, but by the weight of arms of an adversary.

A nation, any nation, jeopardizes its very existence when it fails to provide for an adequate defense, but under recent defense budget-making practices, defense expenditures are treated in a more routine manner; namely, that such expenditures represent the largest "discretionary" portion of the federal budget, subject to alterations to meet the political priorities of other domestic programs.

The resulting decline in defense expenditures is in many ways more significant than it first appears. Because the U.S. economy has grown substantially since 1964, the "burden" of defense expenditures on the U.S. economy has been reduced by approximately 40 percent; that is, we spend less than 5.5 percent of our total national income (GNP) on defense where in 1964 we were obliged to spend more than 8 percent.

Meanwhile, there has been a large increase in non-defense related expenditures, so that the share of the federal budget accounted for by defense expenditures has dropped from 42.9 percent in 1964 to only 25 percent in 1978. When the spending of all governmental units, federal, state, and local governments is taken into account, in 1964 one dollar in four of all governmental expenditures was accounted for by national defense. By 1978, this figure had dropped to one dollar in six. Thus, the United

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What Must Be Done to Meet Defense Requirements Despite Budget Constraints

From an economic standpoint, the biggest question facing the nation's defense planners is how can the United States plausibly meet defense requirements in the face of current budget constraints. Bad enough now, these will emerge with a vengeance in the 1980s. Federal budget outlays have increased from \$118.5 billion in 1964 to more than \$500 billion expected to be expended during the current fiscal year. Although the increase in federal expenditures has indeed been enormous, the growth of federal expenditures has been predominantly in the field of social welfare expenditures, and in this area the executive branch has encountered considerable difficulty in its attempts at control.

a. Federal Management

All federal programs have a substantial amount of waste and inefficiency included in their costs of operation. In this regard, the Defense Department is no exception, but because defense expenditures are far more carefully scrutinized by the Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and the press than are other units of government, the chance for identifying vast sums of money that would be available for transfer to more important national security purposes is remote. Since 1964, U.S. expenditures for social welfare purposes has grown from \$72 billion in 1965 to more than \$350 billion in 1977. During the 15 year period between 1950 and 1964, social welfare expenditures per capita grew at an annual rate of 4.6 percent, but since 1964, this rate leapt to nearly 7 percent.

One conspicuous management measure that can be taken by the federal government is to affect the steps that will slow the rate of growth of social welfare programs. Slowing the rate of growth of social welfare programs from only 7 percent to 5 percent, a rate of growth still 8.7 percent higher than the average for the 1950-64 period, would provide seven billion additional dollars to finance defense expenditures without any increase in the federal deficit.

b. Increasing the Rate of Economic Growth

By far the most important potential contributor to making more resources available for necessary public purposes including defense is the increase in revenues that would obtain from a higher rate of economic growth. Present government policy more often than not, tends to inhibit the engine of economic development by a bewildering array of disincentives for savings, investment, and entrepreneurship. As a consequence, American economic growth, productivity, and employment are growing

far less rapidly than they could if government disincentives to economic growth were mitigated or eliminated. The most conspicuous villain is the tax system which out of a misplaced degree of enthusiasm for effecting an equitable burden of taxation, has structured a set of rates and tax rulings that are punitive with respect to investment, savings, and entrepreneurial incentives. An increase of only one percent in the rate of economic growth would increase national income more than \$200 billion, of which \$20-25 billion would go to the federal treasury.

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c. Stopping the Introduction of New, Costly, Social Welfare Programs

The lesson of the 1960s and the "war on poverty" have been learned at great cost; open-ended "entitlement" type social welfare programs result in runaway costs which government becomes powerless to stop owing to the numerous constituencies developed in favor of ever-higher social welfare expenditures. The list of potential claimants for new social welfare programs is long indeed. Lobbying is already intense for a new national health insurance program whose cost will hardly be less than \$70 billion, and may be as costly as \$100 billion annually. New programs for urban development, welfare reform, income maintenance pro-

Financing American Investment in Defense

The bleak recitation of the statistics of the diverging paths of American disinvestment in defense and Soviet investment in defense will, I believe, lead inevitably to a frank acknowledgement by the nation's political leadership of their need to redress the balance that has for a variety of reasons, been allowed to run steadily against the United States for more than 15 years. At once, the issue of how to find adequate budget resources to support such a reassessment is an inevitable and appropriate question. There are, in my view, three areas in government initiative where such resources could be found.

grams of a bewildering variety, and so forth, hold out the promise of a staggering burden on the federal budget, and, by derivation, the American taxpayer. It is the growth of new federal programs that threaten more than anything else, the ability of the United States to effectively respond with a meaningful defense posture in the face of the massive increase in defense investment that the Soviets have undertaken since the mid-1960s.

The 1980s promise to be an extraordinarily dangerous decade for the United States. The military programs which are now inevitably cast for the early-1980s are already underway. Owing to the protracted lead times associated with the deployment of new military systems, it is possible to forecast with a high degree of confidence that the United States will be in the gravest direct jeopardy from any foreign power since the War of 1812 as a result of Soviet programs now underway. The American response has been inadequate to meet this threat. It has been inadequate, not because the resources in the U.S. economy are inadequate; to the contrary, our latent economic power is our greatest strength. Rather, a reluctance to respond with programs that can address the Soviet threat we now face has been unduly hampered by budgetary restrictions that could be addressed by changes in U.S. economic policy. Obviously, the control of inflation is the most critically important change in U.S. economic policy to be undertaken. In the absence of this, all else will fail as the American people will demand that the government compensate for the ravages of inflation in their personal and financial lives. The result will be a continuation of the decline in our national security and defense capability. U.S. military needs are real and urgent; our economic policy must respond in a manner appropriate to the very real peril we face.



The Space Shuttle which will go into service this year.

Why Are We In Space?

There are many reasons, all of them better than what we were told.



Weather satellites make it possible to predict the weather further ahead, with much greater accuracy.

By Neil R. Ruzic

Why are we in space? Simply "because it is there" no longer is a good enough reason.

During the 1960s when the aerospace industry was implementing the President's decision to land men on the moon by the end of the decade, it is doubtful whether anyone directing any important phase of the gigantic space program truly thought our technology was being improved just to show up the Russians. Few space leaders bothered with such transient thoughts, but the public wasn't let in on their legitimate goals. There were those in government or in the space program who feared the public would not support a moon-doggle that had as its purpose "just" getting to another world. There were others who had no time to explain, and still others who hadn't themselves considered "why?"

The mass media gave the public the impression it should support the Apollo program because the Soviets might get to the moon first. Or worse, that the space program was justified on the basis of Teflon frying pans and better gadgets. There was talk, closer to reality but still too amorphous to mean much, of total capability and technological leadership to earn the respect of the world.

Then suddenly in July, 1969, we were there on the moon.

Almost half of all of us on earth—some 1.5 billion people—riveted our eyes to television sets and watched men on the moon. Never before in history had so many minds been concentrated at the same time on any one activity. It was a fantastic, utterly unprecedented opportunity to explain why the space age was worthwhile. We learned in detail how the

astronauts got there, the size of the rockets compared with the Washington Monument, the thrust of the great engines, and the return trip.

But not a word was said concerning why we're in space.

Many reasons exist, and all of them are better than what we were told. Put quite simply and roughly in order of chronology, they are:

(1) To orbit satellites for improved communications, weather forecasting, navigation, resource monitoring, and other purposes.

(2) To reap the by-product of space technology by transferring innovations and methods to many areas of industry and medicine.

(3) To compare other planets with the earth and to study the sun so we can understand better the origin and workings of earth and its dwindling mineral reserves.

(4) To explore the universe to determine, among many other things, whether life or even other intelligences exist elsewhere.

(5) To create a focal point for a new intellectual renaissance that will improve the wealth, health, and happiness of all people.

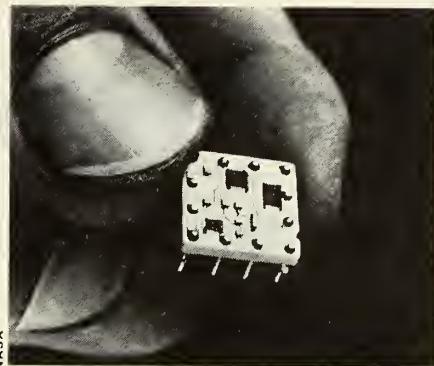
Could there be a more worthwhile goal for any human endeavor?

Even after a fledgling two decades of exploration activities, we can point to significant accomplishments by considering what the world would be like had we never gone into space.

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NASA



Space technology made possible the mobile unit shown at left, which brings health care to remote areas. The tiny module above stores much information in little space.

That is somewhat like imagining an alternate history if Columbus hadn't come along when he did.

Like it or not, civilization started down a new path with Columbus. Today, the space age is carving out another new epoch, as significant at least as the Great Age of Exploration, the Renaissance, or the Industrial Revolution. Implications of the spread of humanity across the galaxies, or the eventual contact with other sentient beings, or the understanding of man's purpose in the universe aren't just exciting. They are staggering.

None of that has happened—yet.

But there already are some profound benefits that the new age of exploration has brought to mankind. And to understand these benefits more clearly, consider what our lifestyle today would be like had there been no space program:

Consider money and economics. If there were no space effort we would not have spent some \$80 billion that might have gone for other purposes. But on the other hand we would not have stimulated the economy and in so doing returned to it as much as \$1 trillion during those two decades.

The investment in space has such an enormous payoff because it spreads to a wide variety of industries—gas turbines, integrated circuits, and cryogenics, to name only three of many.

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Consider computers. So quickly, yet so profoundly have computers entered and altered our lives that it is difficult to imagine what the world would be like without them. For instance, our entire banking and credit system would be bogged down under a morass of detail. Without the integrated circuits pioneered for the space program, millions of clerks would work at slow hand calculators, laboriously figuring individual invoices and other business forms.

Management information, such as inventory or production control data,

which now is flashed from retail stores to warehouses, would be the costly guesswork of yesteryear. Printing, especially typesetting, would be far slower, and the lack of instantaneous coast-to-coast reservation systems would have retarded the dramatic growth of the airline industry.

Largely as a result of the space stimulus to computer technology, computers are taking over more and more jobs. Computers have even entered the home with some 50,000 home or "micro" computers so far sold for home use. Some day they will be as standard as the telephone, radio, and television set. They are being used to answer personal correspondence, cross-index journals, keep a log of people talked to, balance the checkbook, update Christmas card lists, add or delete ingredients to recipes, report on water seepage in the basement, beep reminders on upcoming birthdays and anniversaries, and lock the front door at night.

In the field of communication, we would not see live Olympic games from overseas, or the Pope's coronation at the Vatican, or the President's visits to Europe. International television by satellite may seem of small importance, but don't forget that other countries also see what we are doing and how our society works.

Overseas news broadcasts exert an educational pressure, a force toward international understanding. Millions of people in Africa, for example, are now becoming educated through unique "stationary" applications technology satellites. The Indian government, after participating in an experiment in which such a broadcast satellite beamed instructional television programs to some 5,000 villages, called satellite edu-

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Audiovisual aids owe much to modern space technology.

Everybody's Truckin'

Light trucks are becoming a way of life with millions of Americans.



The Chevrolet Blazer appeals to many who want to get off the highway and onto back roads or where no roads exist.

By James C. Jones

In case you are one of those people who take an interest in Detroit's most famous product, you have probably noticed a fantastic growth in the number of light trucks that are showing up on America's highways. Today more than 30 million of them are on streets and highways, and off-the-road as well. This compares with 18 million in 1970 and 12 million in 1960.

There are many reasons for this upsurge in popularity and not the least of them is that this work-a-day vehicle has acquired respectability. Time was when a truck was merely a truck, a machine for moving cargo. Today in many quarters it is a status symbol, an in-thing. The kids, who are the trend setters, are into trucks in a big way, and trucks have become so socially acceptable that you will find them gracing the driveways of estates and town houses.

Their very nature has changed so that trucks today share but one common characteristic. They are all cargo carriers. Beyond that a definition is difficult. The Society of Automotive

Engineers is imprecise, describing a truck as "a motor vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of property."

That hardly explains their popularity with young people who use them almost exclusively for personal transportation (and if the vehicle configuration is appropriate, as "sin

Peculiarly, the light truck phenomenon so far is uniquely American. Fewer than 10,000 units were sold in all of Europe in 1977.

bins"). The property aboard usually includes little more than, say, sets of skis, six-packs, maybe a blanket or, in isolated instances, a waterbed inside a van. All of that property, excluding the waterbed, is as easily transported in or atop a car.

Officials of motor companies have their own explanations and definitions. Says James A. Capalongo, General Manager of Ford Truck and Recreation Products Operations:

"It's a multi-purpose vehicle. It's a car substitute and a commercial vehicle and a recreational vehicle. It's confidence in wintertime driving. It's a vehicle for do-it-yourselfers. It's very versatile."

Donald A. Bouchard, Chevrolet Truck Sales Manager told it like this: "It's used for work, or for pleasure, or both. A great many trucks are combinations, as for instance putting a slide-in camper on one that is used for work the rest of the time. Customers may say that they use them solely for pleasure but they end up carrying cargo..."

Albert D. Imber, Dodge Truck Sales Manager said: "It's a producer during the work day. At 5 p.m. a trailer or boat gets hooked on. It's socially acceptable and many women who wouldn't have been caught in one several years ago use it for shopping and driving around town. This is because it has become more car-like."

Another appeal, which the industry prefers not to recognize in public is the additional safety offered by a truck, compared with a car. Visibility is substantially better, as is the traction provided by four-wheel drive trucks. And, in virtually any collision between a truck and, say, a compact or subcompact car, the latter loses, since the law of physics favors muscle and weight.

Market growth is recognition of the fact that trucks are adaptable, frequently safer than a car, longer lasting, not necessarily more expensive, and presentable. In 1971, fewer than 1.7-million trucks were sold in the United States. By 1977, the market had all but doubled, to more than 3.2-million. In 1978, 4-million were sold, and by the mid-Eighties, most Detroit wheelmen figure, annual sales will be running at 5-million (providing federal and state agencies do not regulate them into a reduction in force).

Those millions of vehicles, too, are big-ticket purchases, helping automakers to compensate for dips in auto volume (some of which sales de-



Dodge's D150 can be equipped with many passenger car appointments.



Veterans need no introduction to the Jeep; now it's dressed up in civvies.

cines are caused by trucks themselves, as more and more people switch from cars to trucks). The most popular light pickups, for instance, go out dealers' doors at an average price of about \$7,000, and a free spender who wants more opulent options can easily run the tab to \$9,000.

This reflects growing affluence but there is another economic side. Let's take a case, the plumber, say, who needs three trucks in his business. He used to think he had to drive a car to work. But now his truck has the AM-FM radio and air conditioning and power steering and he doesn't need the car. He commutes in the truck and uses it in his business. He needs only one car in the family. He leaves that home for his wife.

Economic justification for owning a truck is discernible elsewhere. Trucks are in such fervid demand that they have created their own market and, concomitantly, high resale value, making them sound investments. They also are more durable than cars. In 1977, according to the Motor Vehicle Manufacturer Association, the age of cars in use averaged 6.2 years, and trucks, 6.9 years.

The truck has taken on new form in recent years as manufacturers have reacted to fluid lifestyles. The light truck not so long ago was nothing more than a bone-bare cab that held two or three people, and a box in back. It was often painted a dull green or burnt orange, and the seat was unimaginatively covered with

flat vinyl. If it contained a radio, road and engine noise often smothered the music. If the driver was sweaty, he produced air conditioning by rolling down a window. If he had heard of vehicular stereo, he considered it to be an entertainment center for use in cars only. Power steering, windows, brakes, doorlocks? Why would a truck driver need those conveniences, especially when his macho image could be damaged if his peers discovered he relied upon hydraulic help to turn a steering wheel?

Only a few years ago, a resounding 99 percent of the light-duty truck market (gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less) was comprised of almost identical vehicles: That high-riding cab followed by a cargo-carrying steel box. But the light truck now comes in five segments:

—The conventional pickup, jazzier, tougher, longer-lasting, but a light truck nonetheless.

—The van, which is classed as a truck when it contains no seats behind the driver's compartment and no windows but those in the front doors. (Vans which include side windows and more seats than those needed up front are classed as cars, and sometimes as buses.)

—The utilities: Four-wheel drive, off-the-road jobbies such as Jeep's CJ series, Ford's Bronco, Chevy's Blazer, GMC's Jimmy, International's Scout, Dodge's Ramcharger.

—The compact pickup such as

Chevy's Luv, Ford's Courier, Dodge's D-50, Plymouth's Arrow, Toyota's SR-5, all born and raised in Japan, all useful for personal transportation and light chores.

—And what some manufacturers euphemistically call the car-truck: A station wagon from the front seat forward, and a truck bed behind.

Those "light duties," including the entries from Datsun, Mazda, Subaru and Toyota, overwhelm the truck field. The industry in 1978 sold 2.3-million pickups; vans (including the "car" classification) hit about 900,000; and for the first time, the fast-growing four-wheel-drive category hit a million.

That left fewer than 400,000 sales for the industry's genuine workhorses, those medium- and heavy-duties from Mack, GMC, Freightliner, Ford, Chevrolet, International, Kenworth, Peterbilt, White, and the like. Sales of medium trucks remain flat and steady these years. There is modest growth in the giant, over-the-road linehaul trucks. If you want a light or medium truck, shopping is no problem. If you want a heavy (33,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and above, and costing up to \$85,000 or more), you have to go hunting.

The light truck, then, is the established star. Without much media attention, it has pushed into the car market. Perhaps the most vivid statistical testimony to the proliferation of trucks is this: In 1960, Ford Division cars outsold its truck, five to one. In 1978, the ratio was remarkably down, 1.4 to one. In 1960 Chevrolet Division sold 5.3 cars for every one of its trucks. Today, it's 1.7 to one.

Presumably the federal government will let trucks continue to have their way, but not without applying intense pressure on truckmakers to improve fuel economy. The feds require that trucks of 6,000 GVW (gross vehicle weight) this year must attain a fleet average of 17.2-miles-per-gallon. In 1980, the EPA standard goes to 16-mpg, but that will include every truck up to 8,200 GVW. From there on, truckmakers know not what is required of them, the government being less than forthcoming with specifications.

Auto producers knew as long ago as 1973 that one re-engineering pro-

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When it has seats behind the driver's compartment and extra windows, it's a van or a bus, like this Ford.

Millions of illegal aliens have invaded the United States in search of jobs. Washington counters by setting up a commission to consider the problem.



The Quiet Invasion

By Frank Kuest

While Uncle Sam dawdles, a silent invasion by land, sea and air continues to threaten the economic and social fabric of the nation.

Who are these invaders? They are illegal aliens who are swarming into the United States for one basic reason—jobs.

Both the Carter Administration and Congress appear to have procrastinated on the issue, hence a lack of national policy to deal with the problem.

As so often happens in government, when a knotty problem confronts an administration and a Congress, the inevitable solution is to ap-

point a commission to study the issue. This is exactly what happened in the case of illegal aliens.

President Carter recommended a rather mild program in 1977 aimed at granting amnesty to millions of illegals in the form of resident status after a certain number of years. Congress held several little-publicized hearings on the proposal and then passed legislation establishing a "Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy" a year later. The President signed the bill into law. The commission has until September 30, 1980, to come up with national policy recommendations.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that there could be more than eight million illegal aliens in the United

States—foreigners who have no legal right to be here. And more are pouring into the country each day, each week and each month.

The illegals have a grave impact on the U.S. economy, what with millions of American citizens, including a half million Vietnam war veterans, seeking employment.

The silent invasion continues. The INS has neither the manpower nor the financial resources to seal the 6,000 miles of land borders with Mexico and Canada and the vast U.S. coastlines. It is extremely difficult to control foreigners who enter the country by ship and plane with fraudulent documents and many with valid visas for 30 days who just fade into the American scene and never return to their homelands.

The State Department admits that 60 percent of the undocumented aliens living in the United States have come from Mexico and that illegal aliens coming from countries other than Mexico—Central and South America, the Caribbean and parts of the Far East and Middle East—have been increasing.

In the State of Washington, among one group of illegals apprehended 33 held food stamps, 17 resided in low-cost government housing, 16 were found to be collecting welfare and nine were collecting both welfare and food stamps.

And yet there is no national policy to deal with this problem. But a commission will study it.

A good many illegal aliens settle for menial jobs that many American citizens refuse, but others get good paying jobs.

Three-quarters of the employed illegals apprehended in the Chicago immigration district were earning more than \$2.50 an hour. It is not unusual to find illegals working in construction or other skilled trades earning \$5 to \$6 an hour.

The INS estimates that at least one million illegals hold good paying jobs in the United States and that the illegal alien work force probably numbers as high as four million.

The cost to the nation and Ameri-

can society is substantial. An analysis performed by an independent consulting firm set the price to the American taxpayer as at least \$13 billion each year. This does not count the money lost to the U.S. Treasury through avoidance of income taxes. Neither does it count the \$3 billion or more which illegal aliens send out of the country each year—a dollar drain that has a negative impact on the U.S. balance of payments.

Other facts turned up by INS include:

It is common to find aliens illegally in this country holding professional and technical jobs earning five figures. In New Hampshire, an illegal Japanese working as a metallurgical engineer was earning \$12,000 a year, while an illegal alien in Alaska was managing one of the best hotels and earning \$29,000 a year.

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In San Francisco, one illegal alien had a \$33,000 medical bill paid for from public funds.

A spot check in Los Angeles disclosed 305 illegal aliens on the welfare rolls.

Two illegal "visitors" from Greece were being paid \$9.71 an hour painting the Statue of Liberty. The two brothers, Anthanasios and Georgios Plessias, had come to the United States for the good life and high pay. Anthanasios, according to INS, jumped his merchant ship at Newark, N.J., in 1969. Two years later his

brother Georgios arrived with his wife on a nine-day tourist visa. They, too, melted into the American scene. When apprehended they had \$15,000 in their bank account.

These are just scattered examples. Multiply them 20- or 30-fold and you can see the burden placed on the American taxpayer. And there is still no national policy on illegal aliens.

The problem mushroomed after World War II when thousands of unemployed Mexicans swam across the Rio Grande by night to find seasonal work in the farm fields of the southwestern United States. This was the "wetback" era of the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Then followed the "Bracero Program," an informal agreement between the governments of Mexico and the United States that permitted controlled migrant labor from Mexico to work in the agricultural areas in this country. The Bracero Program expired in 1963 and the flow of illegals into this country has continued unabated since.

The border patrol of the INS apprehends thousands of illegals each month. They are turned back. But the boundary between the United States and Mexico stretches for 2,000 miles and some of it is protected only by a wire fence, which is easily penetrated. Thus, untold numbers of illegals enter the United States undetected.

There is a law on the books which allows U.S. employers to hire illegal aliens if they can certify that there is no American citizen labor available, but this requires a mountain of paperwork before such aliens can legal-

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WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Three illegal aliens were smuggled into the United States in this false-bottomed truck. They were captured in Chicago after a long, hard ride from Texas.



WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

A U.S. immigration agent discovers an illegal alien tucked in the hood of an old automobile. The alien was returned to his own country, but thousands sneak in.

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Commander's Message

However, the sight of Europeans trying to make it through mine fields or the Berlin Wall, and the plight of Vietnamese refugees in Southeast Asia fleeing communism apparently does not register strongly with many Americans. They still think it is possible to co-exist with communism, even though communist doctrine clearly spells out the fact that this is impossible. Lenin himself said, "The existence of the Soviet Republic side by side with imperialist states for a long time is unthinkable. One or the other must triumph in the end."

What is at stake is our freedom and if we are going to fight communism effectively we must first of all regain our appreciation of freedom and its importance to us. We have too long taken our many freedoms for granted, even as we see them being taken forcibly from millions throughout the world, and being eroded in our own country. ■

Franklin R. Sickle, N.J. NECman, Is Dead

Franklin R. Sickle, 63, New Jersey National Executive Committeeman of The American Legion, died recently.

A World War II veteran, he was also serving as a member of the National Subcommittee on Committees at the time of his death. Other prominent Legion offices held by Mr. Sickle included New Jersey State Commander (1963-64); National Public Relations Commission member (1965-74); and National Public Relations Commission Liaison Committee member (1973-79).

A Legion service was conducted on Jan. 19, at Cochran Mortuary, Hackettstown, N.J. Funeral services were conducted at the Spruce Run Lutheran Church, Glen Gardner, N.J., with burial in the Spruce Run cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. James Dankel of Rockaway, N.J., and a son Franklin R. Sickle Jr., Easton, Pa.—ALNS

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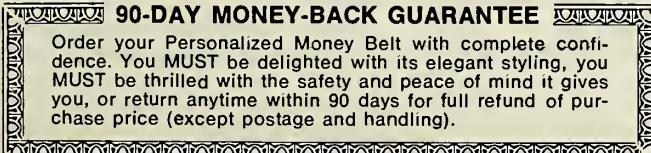


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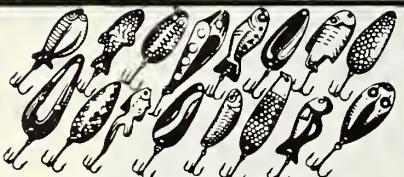
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If we had no satellites, a storm or hurricane would be born unobserved in the tropical seas and sweep into an inhabited coastal zone without warning. That used to happen regularly. At the turn of the century a hurricane took 5,000 lives in Texas, while another killed 4,000 in the Caribbean in 1928. Some 1,500 perished in 1959 when a hurricane ravaged Mexico. Contrast these figures with the satellite-watched storm that became Hurricane Agnes in 1972 when only 118 died—most of them from flooding that occurred after the storm subsided.

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Space technology also has contributed to conventional energy sources. Without many of the 750 satellites now operational around the globe—of which 375 are U.S.—oil explora-

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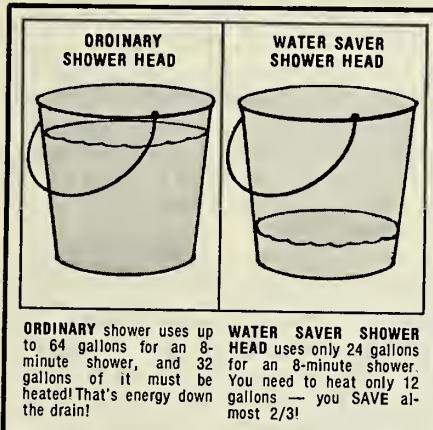
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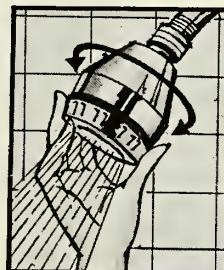
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DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA WINS THE 1978 ALVIN M. OWSLEY TROPHY . . . Recording a membership of 24,474 Legionnaires for 1979, the Department of Virginia has won the 1978 Alvin M. Owsley Trophy . . . The Department showed the highest percentage (81 percent) of its final four-year average to capture the award.

SMALL GROUP OF VETERANS' SURVIVORS ELIGIBLE FOR VA COMPENSATION . . . Veterans Administration is seeking to identify a small group of veterans' survivors for a new form of VA compensation . . . Members of the group are survivors of certain totally service-disabled veterans who died prior to October 1, 1978, of non-service-connected causes . . . VA's record system is not designed to identify survivors of these veterans . . . Complete information as to eligibility for the new dependency and indemnity compensation payments may be obtained by contacting any VA office or a service officer of The American Legion.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR VA'S BAY PINES MEDICAL CENTER . . . The Veterans Administration has awarded a contract for \$13,786,000 for the initial construction phase of the VA's new medical center at Bay Pines, Fla. . . Murray Walter, Inc., of Johnson City, N.Y. received the contract . . . The new \$67 million, 520-bed hospital will replace the existing facility, which has been in operation 46 years . . . The Bay Pines replacement medical

center was one of eight decided on in 1976 . . . Others are located at Richmond, Va., Martinsburg, W. Va., Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., Little Rock, Ark., Baltimore, Md., and Camden, N.J.

ARMY PUTS RESERVE RECRUITS ON PAY STATUS

. . . U.S. Army has now put reserve recruits on a pay basis even before beginning initial active duty for training . . . Previously, many reserve enlistees did not receive any pay until they began basic training . . . To earn their pay, reserve recruits are expected to attend local reserve unit meetings for 16 hours a month, usually on weekends, while waiting for initial active duty training . . . More information about training opportunities with pay may be obtained by calling toll-free: 800-431-1234 (In New York state, 800-234-6370).

VA TO UPGRADE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM; ERECT NEW EDUCATION BUILDING . . . Veterans

Administration has approved a \$407,000 project to upgrade the fire alarm system at the VA medical center in Des Moines, Iowa . . . VA also will build a new education building at the VA medical center in Albuquerque, N. Mex., at a cost of \$865,000.

DEFENSE SECRETARY DEVELOPS NEW MILITARY RETIREMENT PLAN . . . Defense Secretary

Harold Brown has developed a new complicated, complex military retirement plan that now is under review by the Office of Management and Budget at the White House . . . President Carter is reported to be favorable to the basics of the plan which could be presented to Congress by late spring. Details are expected to be made available after the OMB review.

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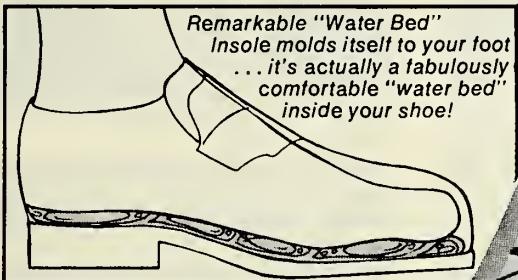
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NEWS

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National Cdr. John M. (Jack) Carey, T. Y. Chao and Interpreter H. C. Hsieh, left to right, at Indianapolis press conference.

ALNS PHOTO BY RALPH BURRIS

Legion Girds for Prospective New Fight on Vets' Preference

The American Legion is girding for a new fight to save veterans' preference.

The Carter Administration has served notice that it will again seek to water down preference for veterans in federal employment and job retention in the 96th Congress.

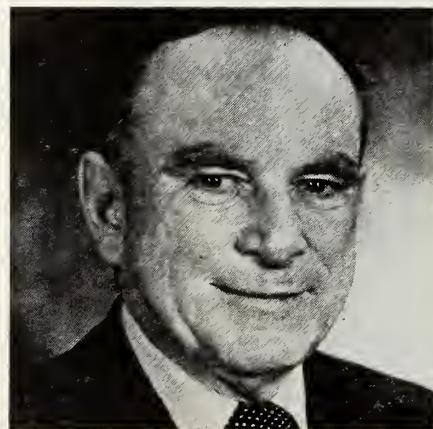
The administration's attempt to weaken and eventually eliminate veterans' preference was soundly beaten in the last session of the 95th Congress with solid support from The American Legion. It was a resounding triumph for veterans and the Legion.

But new administration leaders are shaping up a new attack on preference.

Alan Campbell, chairman of the federal civil service commission and chief architect of the administration's campaign, has publicly stated that the Carter government is ready to take up the issue again in the new congress.

"We remain firmly committed to revision of veterans' preference," Campbell said in Washington, D.C. He would start on this revision by placing a 15-year limit on preference which now lasts a lifetime for veterans.

Able-bodied, honorably discharged veterans now receive a five-point preference in federal hiring and job retention over non-veterans. The 10-point preference for disabled veterans has not been contested.



Rep. James M. Hanley

The American Legion has restated its firm opposition to any weakening of the federal hiring preference given war veterans.

Austin Kerby, the Legion's Director of Economics, countered Campbell's announced intentions by saying that veterans' preference is based on

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Legion Asks U.S. to Keep Taiwan Ties

The American Legion will press for the re-establishment of government-to-government relations between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

At a joint news conference in Indianapolis with Chairman T.Y. Chao of the Taiwan veterans organization, National Cdr. John M. (Jack) Carey said the Legion would call on Congress to assist in renewing relations with Taiwan, citing the long-time United States friendship with and support for the anti-communist Republic of China.

He described Taiwan as a key point in the Pacific island chain linking Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines.

Earlier, Carey had lashed out against the diplomatic recognition of the People's Republic of China (Peking) by the Carter Administration at the expense of Taiwan.

"The American Legion has consistently supported United States economic, military and psychological aid to the Republic of China," Carey said.

The commander, who recently completed a Far East inspection tour, had been in Taipei, capital of the Republic of China, just four days before President Carter suddenly announced on Dec. 15 his decision to recognize communist China and end diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

Carey said the Carter move will further destabilize the U.S. presence in the Far East and will bring into "serious question the sincerity of U.S. military commitments throughout the world."

Chao, a recipient of The American Legion's International Amity Award and confidante of President Chiang of the Republic of China, outlined a six-point program to continue ties with the United States and assure Taiwan of the necessary military strength to fend off communist China. He called on the United States:

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Alfred P. Chamie

President Re-Appoints Chamie to Commission

Alfred P. Chamie, past National Commander of The American Legion (1970-71), has been reappointed to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

He is the only member to be reappointed as President Carter named eight new members to serve with Chamie on the Commission.

The commission oversees the construction and administration of U.S. military cemeteries and monuments overseas.

"It is the commission's responsibility to insure that our service personnel who gave their lives for our country are properly memorialized and that the graves of those who are buried on foreign soil are cared for at the highest standard of excellence," Chamie said.

A resident of Pacific Palisades, Calif., Chamie is a former army lieutenant and former vice president and secretary of the Association of Motion Pictures and Television Producers.

Raymond J. Kelly Dies

Raymond J. Kelly of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., past National Commander of The American Legion (1939-40) is dead. He was 84. He also served as Michigan department commander (1929-30). Funeral services were held in St. Hugo of the Hill Church, Bloomfield Hills.

N.Y. Post Publishes Biography of Judge

Col. Francis Vigo Post 1083, New York, N.Y., has published a book, "The Rock, The Torch and The Gavel," a biography of Paul P. Rao, Chief Judge Emeritus of the U.S. Customs Court.

His son, Paul Jr., has written a fascinating story of his father, a life-long Legionnaire.

Paul Sr. was born in Prizzi, near Palermo, Sicily, and emigrated to the United States with his family.

The biography tells of his service in the U.S. Navy during World War I after which he rose to the high ranks of the American judiciary by following the strict moral code practiced by his parents.

Information on the book can be obtained by contacting the Col. Francis Vigo Post 1083, The American Legion, 233 Broadway, Suite 201, New York, N.Y. 10007.

The post was named for the Italian-American Revolutionary War hero. A monument to Col. Francis Vigo was dedicated in 1936 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at Vincennes, Ind.



Cdr. Ron Rose (center) of Post 1038, Valhalla, N.Y., presents plaques to past Cdrs Angelo Fatone (left) and Joseph Ryan in recognition of their service to The American Legion.

Donald Miller Named To Veterans Post

Donald M. Miller, chairman of The American Legion's Defense Civil Preparedness Committee, has been appointed commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs by Minnesota Gov. Al Quie.

A resident of Burnsville, Minn., Miller is a former Minnesota Legion Commander (1962-63), and former commandant of the Minnesota Veteran's Home.—ALNS



Oklahoma Department Cdr. Robert Walker presents certificate of appreciation to Frances Liotta, March's "Legionnaire of the Month."

Frances Liotta Named "Legionnaire of Month"

A veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, Frances Liotta, adjutant of Tulsa, Okla., Post 1, has been selected as "Legionnaire of the Month" for her 26 years of outstanding service to The American Legion.

She has engaged in every activity of her post and of the Department of Oklahoma, unstinting in giving her time and energy to many worthwhile Legion projects.

Ms. Liotta also received the Legionnaire of the Year Award for 1978 from the Oklahoma department.

She was the first female veteran ever to lead the Veterans Day parade in Tulsa as Grand Marshal.

In between her Legion activities, Ms. Liotta devotes considerable time to the Muskogee Veterans hospital. Early every Sunday morning, she is at the hospital to assist the chaplain in worship services for the patients.

She is also a member and active in Auxiliary Unit 1 and the Disabled American Veterans.

Vets Live Abroad

Some 237,000 ex-service members live in foreign countries and U.S. territorial possessions, 163,000 of them in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Legion Had Banner Legislative Year; Looks to New Congress

The 95th Congress is history, but the influence of The American Legion on Capitol Hill can be documented by reviewing congressional accomplishments during the last two years.

Out of 633 bills signed into law by President Carter, 125 satisfied, in part or whole, resolutions adopted by The American Legion.

In his annual report summarizing Legion accomplishment at the close of the 95th Congress, Albert D. Brown Jr., chairman of the Legion's National Legislative Commission noted that these statistics became even more impressive in view of the total number of measures—24,000—introduced during the two sessions of the 95th.

In all, the Legion presented 102 statements on legislation to numerous committees on the Hill during the last 22 months.

The legislative accomplishments of the American Legion during the second session of the 95th are as follows:

- **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation:** The veterans' pension program was completely reformed, and the new law automatically indexes future cost-of-living hikes to the Consumer Price Index. It also protects pensioners who remain under the current program, and assures that all pensioners will have an income standard above national poverty guidelines, while providing for an \$800 increase in the yearly rates for needy WWI veterans (P.L. 95-588); "Vietnam Veterans Week" has been officially designated as the seven-day period beginning on May 28, 1979 (P.L. 95-513); veterans' disability compensation and DIC programs have been increased by 7.3 percent, automobile assistance allowance for certain disabled veterans has increased from \$3300 to \$3800, dependent's allowance has been extended to include veterans rated 30 percent or more disabled, service-connected burial benefits rose from \$250 to \$300, and a new "housebound" allowance of \$45 a month for surviving spouses receiving DIC who are substantially confined to their homes or are institutionalized has been established (P.L. 95-479); VA home loan guarantee were increased from \$17,500 to \$25,000, specially adapted housing grants for severely disabled veterans were raised from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and eligibility for these housing programs was extended to Vietnam veterans by reducing from 181 to 90 days the length of active-duty time required (P.L. 95-476); certain VA health care programs were extended for three years to maintain and operate a regional office in the Philippines, medical care also was extended for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the VA Physicians' and Dentists' Comparability Act of 1975 has been extended to 9/30/81, and \$5 million was authorized to implement a new pension program for needy wartime veterans who are totally disabled from nonservice-connected causes or who are age 65 or older (P.L. 95-520); \$21.05 billion was appropriated for programs and services provided by the VA. This total includes increases in medical care programs and earmarks sufficient funds for 1500 additional staff to keep open existing hospital beds. Funds were also included for the building of the

Camden, N.J., VA hospital and six additional major building projects (P.L. 95-392).

- **Economics:** The most sweeping changes in the civil service system in nearly 100 years were accomplished during the 95th Congress. Administration recommendations to weaken veterans' preference in federal hiring were overwhelmingly defeated. However, substantial improvements for five- and ten-point preference eligibles who seek initial federal employment or retention in the federal system were accomplished when President Carter approved P.L. 95-454.

- **National Security:** The fiscal year 1979 appropriations for Treasury, Postal Service, and independent agencies provides \$96.5 million for the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency (P.L. 95-429); appropriations total \$117.3 billion for the defense establishment, to include the building of a fifth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, development of ballistic missile defense system technology, subsidization of the military commissary system, and the payment of 80 percent of medical charges for treatment received under the CHAMPUS program (P.L. 95-457).

- **Foreign Relations:** A new law authorizes financial assistance to foreign nations for their security purposes which includes the lifting of a three-year partial arms embargo against Turkey, and the re-establishment of U.S. Intelligence facilities in that country (P.L. 95-384).

- **Americanism:** Congress enacted the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 consolidating all U.S. amateur athletics under the United States Olympic Committee (P.L. 95-606).

- **Children and Youth:** A total of \$569.5 million was appropriated for related programs as well as an additional \$1.29 billion for school nutrition programs in fiscal year 1979 (P.L. 95-448); the Child Abuse Prevention Act has been extended providing for a national system to facilitate the adoption of children and the placement of foster children with special needs (P.L. 95-266).

- **Internal Affairs:** Following considerable deliberation, Congress passed a modified five-part energy bill; eligibility dates for membership in the Legion were extended to those veterans who served during the latter part of the Vietnam era (P.L. 95-346); the president signed legislation clarifying the intent of Congress that non-commercial bingos do not violate state law and thus should not be considered "unrelated trade or business," and thus not subject to taxation (P.L. 95-502).

Any Ideas On How To Spend \$2,000?

During World War II, a plaque was presented to the *USS Alaska* reading: "The people of Alaska present \$10,000 in war bonds for conversion after the war into a suitable gift for the officers and men of the *USS Alaska*."

A spokesman for the governor of Alaska said the bonds were converted to cash after the war with the intention of buying a silver service for the ship.

But the *Alaska* was mothballed before the silver service set could be purchased.

The money was kept in a trust fund by the state of Alaska and the principal today amounts to about \$25,000.

Alaska intends to hold the principal in trust in perpetuity and donate the annual interest earned—\$1,800 to \$2,000—to charity.

Several charities are being considered, the Navy Relief Fund, Vincent Hall in Virginia or a retirement home for Navy men and women.

If former crew members have better ideas on spending the interest, address them to the State of Alaska. Since the original \$10,000 was raised by the citizens of Alaska, the money will remain in an Alaskan bank.

PARIS CAUCUS 1919-1979

March 15-17, 1979 will be proud days for The American Legion as it will mark the organization's 60th anniversary—60 years devoted to "God and Country," and 60 years of devoted service to veterans and their families.

The American Legion was born in Paris, France, March 15-17, 1919, at a caucus of World War I veterans from the first American Expeditionary Force. Uppermost in the minds of the war-weary "doughboys" were ideals to create an organization of firm comradeship, "born of war service, and dedicated to equitable treatment for all veterans, particularly the disabled, their widows, and their orphans."

We owe much to the wisdom of those who founded The American Legion and nurtured it into the strong and great organization that we know today. Unfortunately, there are only a small number of them still with us. This year we honor them, and other World War I veterans who have passed on.

March 15-17, are indeed days to look back with pride and to also look forward with hope. There is still plenty of work to be done by The American Legion today, and on into the future, because the things for which we stand for today, are as important as they were 60 years ago, and will be just as important another 60 years from now.—ALNS

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Legion Asks U.S. to Keep Taiwan Ties

- To continue recognition of the Republic of China as a legal and political entity in international society.
- To provide for continuation of treaties and agreements required to maintain and strengthen substantial relations with the Republic of China.
- To take legislative steps to ensure the peace of the Taiwan Straits and the security of the Republic of China.
- To enact legislation providing for establishment of official agencies in the United States and Taiwan, which will function as embassies and consulates.
- To supply armaments sufficient to maintain the security of the Republic of China and her people.
- To assure the continuation of cultural, economic, trade and scientific and technological relations between the two countries and safeguarding the well-being of the Taiwanese people be conducted on a government-to-government basis.

"Although we are deeply hurt, we are not bitter," Chao told newsmen, referring to the recognition of Red China. "We still have faith in the good judgment of the freedom-loving American people and treasure their long-standing friendship."

Chao added that Taiwan would need a continuing supply of U.S. arms but not American manpower to defend itself against any attempt by communist China to seize control of the island republic.

In Manila after the President's recognition of Red China, Carey declared:

"The American Legion regrets the establishment of normal peaceful relationships with the People's Republic of China in Peking at the expense of our good neighbor and friend of many decades, the Republic of China on Taiwan.

"Taiwan symbolizes the democratic and free enterprise system. She is a friendly, prosperous nation. As the future relationships between Taiwan and the United States are defined and written, The American Legion



T. Y. Chao, National Cdr. John M. (Jack) Carey and Auxiliary President Maxine Bigalow, left to right, chat during reception for Republic of China delegation.

ALNS PHOTO BY DENNIS MILLER

Auxiliary President Presents Far East Concerns to Carter After Extensive Tour

Mrs. Maxine Bigalow, national President of The American Legion Auxiliary, has expressed to President

urges the President and the Congress to take all actions necessary to preserve and perpetuate free China's political independence, economic prosperity and military security; and further urges such a steady course as seems in the best interests of all the Chinese peoples, whether they live in Taiwan, on the mainland or overseas.

"Such a steady course toward Taiwan is in the best interests of all nations who look to the United States for its moral and free world leadership."

The American Legion mandated continuing ties with Taiwan during its last national convention, adopting Resolution 404 resolving that "the United States continue its efforts to promote peace and trade with the People's Republic of China (Peking) and that it continue to support the Republic of China (Taiwan); under no circumstances should the United States reduce its support to the Republic of China (Taiwan) economically, militarily or psychologically."

The resolution further resolved "that the United States should continue both its diplomatic relationship and its defense treaty commitment with the Republic of China (Taiwan)."

Carter concerns about developments in the Far East unfavorable to the United States.

In a letter to the President on completion of an official tour of the Far East, she listed the following concerns:

- The declining U.S. military strength in the Pacific;
- The lack of housing and the high cost of living for the U.S. military in Japan, and;
- The abandonment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) with the U.S. recognition of communist China (Peking).

She urged the President to "beef up" the U.S. Navy in the Pacific where "our military strength is dangerously lacking in comparison with that of the Soviet Union."

Mrs. Bigalow reported to the President that the devaluation of the dollar is causing hardship for the U.S. military in Japan and that "we were shocked to learn of the constant harassment of Americans by the Japanese police on Okinawa."

She further contended that as a nation, "we have 'lost face' in the Far East" with the U.S. reduction in its commitment to South Korea and the severing of diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

Mrs. Bigalow and her party visited Japan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines, the Republic of China, Okinawa and the Republic of Korea.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES



California Department Vice Cdr. C. D. (Hank) Ondler (left) receives a check for \$2,100 from El Dorado Post 119 Cdr. James Simerly to be used to provide bus shelters for residents of the Veterans' Home at Yountville, Calif.



Jay Collars (left), finance officer for Walter L. Fox Post 2, Dover, Del., presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Col. William J. Mall Jr., commander of the 436th Military Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, for the humanitarian airlift conducted by the Wing during the recent Jonestown tragedy in Guyana.



J. C. Penny (left) and Charlie Mueller of College Hill Memorial Post 385, St. Louis, Mo., participate in candy sale for the benefit of the newly-acquired post home.

KEEPING POSTED

Duane Brigstock Retires From Federal Service

Duane T. Brigstock, a veteran career Federal Civil Defense Preparedness executive for more than 32 years, has retired from the agency's Region Four headquarters in Battle Creek, Mich.

Brigstock was Michigan Department commander of The American Legion in 1964.

He became a career federal employee in 1946, at first with the Veterans Administration as a training officer, and later as a U.S. Army civilian personnel officer with Percy Jones Army hospital in Battle Creek and the Chicago Ordnance District before joining the civil defense agency.

As an Army combat infantryman with the 83rd Infantry Division during World War II, he was twice wounded and twice awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He later served as administrative personnel chief for *Stars and Stripes*, the Army newspaper then published in Paris.

Active in community and veterans affairs, Brigstock was a member of the Battle Creek Selective Service Board for 20 years. After serving as state commander, Brigstock served as Michigan's representative to the Legion's National Executive Committee.

He was elected state commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Michigan, in 1978.



Cdr. Luther R. Winstead (left) of Post 306, Fletcher, Okla., pins the Purple Heart Medal on Earl Ingram 60 years after being wounded in the Argonne Forest with the 90th Division during World War I. Winstead was instrumental in obtaining the medal for Ingram after the long interval. Ingram is a 60-year member of the Legion.



John Maga Sr. (left), 88-year-old decorated World War I veteran, receives a plaque from Frank Rodman of Floriana-Stecker Post 340, Hermansville, Mich., for 38 years of dedicated service to The American Legion. Maga is a charter member and past commander of the post.

Post Hosts Children

Post 166, Lakewood, N.J., displays some of the gifts collected for the New Lisbon, N.J., State school for Men and Boys, and the New Jersey State school for Girls and Women. Shown at left is William Forman, Children and Youth Committee chairman, and Post Cdr. George Brady, right.

Claude A. Thorp Post 10, Angeles City, The Philippines, distributed 16,000 pesos in food and gifts during a Christmas party for underprivileged children at the mayor's residence.

'Buddy Post' System Planned in California

A "buddy post" program is in the planning stage by the Post Activities Committee of The American Legion's Department of California.

The brainchild of Ray Borucki, 4th Area, 19th District, the proposal would link posts in one department with a "buddy post" in another department for an exchange of ideas and plans for involving members in Legion programs and training of present and future post officers.

The object of the program would be to assist all elements of The American Legion in knowing each other better and informing posts of what others are doing to stimulate and further the cause of the Legion.

The California Department has invited posts throughout the nation and overseas wishing to engage in the "buddy post" program to contact the California Adjutant, The American Legion, 117 War Memorial, Veterans Building, San Francisco, Calif., 94102, according to R. K. (Bob) Symons, chairman of the Post Activities Committee.

A Trip for Teresa

Thanks to The American Legion of Grand Rapids, Mich., Christmas came early for 7-year-old Teresa Lynn Miles, who is afflicted with a malignant brain tumor. Teresa and her parents were provided with a weekend at Disney World in Florida. Legionnaires in Grand Rapids raised \$1,050 to cover all expenses for the trip.



The Georgia American Legion and Auxiliary presented a \$68,000 check for cancer research at the Emory University hospital. Shown, left to right, are Arthur Richardson, dean of the Emory medical school; Frank A. Kelly, chairman of the Gioia Osborne cancer research committee, Mrs. Tillie Davis, Auxiliary chairperson; Dr. Daniel Nixon, director of oncology research at Emory; Mrs. Laverne Boggs, Georgia Auxiliary president, and Department Cdr. Robert Turner.

\$68,000 for Cancer Research Raised by Georgia Department and Auxiliary

The Georgia American Legion Department and Auxiliary has donated \$68,000 to the Emory University hospital for cancer research.

The drive for funds was a special project of Department Cdr. Robert S. Turner and State Auxiliary President Mrs. Laverne Boggs.

Frank Kelly of Savannah and Mrs. Tillie Davis of Decatur were the respective campaign committee chairpersons for the Legion and Auxiliary.

Cancer research funding now is a permanent project of the Georgia American Legion. At its last state convention, the department voted to

establish the "Gioia Osborne Cancer Research Fund" as a continuing program. Miss Osborne, daughter of department Adjutant George Osborne, succumbed to cancer last April.

Emory University is studying to determine the relationship of improved nutrition to treatment of cancer. The next stage of this study will involve broadening the scope of the investigation to include other types of malignancy and different types of chemotherapy.

The theme of the Georgia Department and Auxiliary is "we dare to care about cancer."

Scholarship Awarded For Nailing Suspect

The Ohio American Legion has awarded a "special, emergency scholarship" in the amount of \$1,000 to Cheryl Young, the young lady whose alertness at a Columbus, Ohio, department store resulted in the apprehension of the alleged killer of Joseph A. Annick, assistant adjutant of the Ohio American Legion.

The scholarship grant will partially satisfy the desire of the Ohio Legion to recognize the "outstanding alertness" of Mrs. Young, and at the same time perpetuate the memory of Mr. Annick, according to an Ohio Legion spokesman.—ALNS



Texarkana, Ark., Post 25-28 raised \$1,000 to help defray the cost of Texarkana High School's band trip to Ireland to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade at the invitation of the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Shown left to right are Ed Malcolm, commander of Arkansas 12th district, Post 25-28 Cdr. Charles Arnold, Lori Lingo, drum major of the Razorback band, Jim Young, band booster, and George Gamble, band director.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, US Government, or other forms of national prominence.

Rev. Alfred S. Kline of New Mexico died recently. He served as Department Chaplain from 1963 to 1975 and was re-appointed in 1978. He held this position until the time of his death.

Fred W. Young, 82, Department Commander of Mississippi 1942-43, died recently.

Joe S. Foster, 61, died recently. In the past he served as Department Commander of Alabama 1959-60 and also was a member of the National Executive Committee from 1974 to 1978.

Chris E. Hernandez, a resident of Georgia, died recently. He was a member of The American Legion Magazine Commission during 1971-77.

Angus Wiggins, 83, a resident of Florida, died recently. He was a life member of The American Legion and also served as Chaplain of the Navy and of Post #143 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Bernard J. Jacobs, an active Legionnaire, passed away. He served as Vice Chairman of the National Distinguished Guests Committee for several years.

Earl Kenneth Hood, 53, died recently. He served as Department Commander of South Dakota 1965-66.

Alvin C. Chambers, 56, died recently. He served as Department Finance Officer of New Jersey 1965-69.

A. Woody Hewett, 80, died recently in Iowa. He was Department Commander of Colorado 1949-50.

Rev. Fr. John J. Howard, 69, of Virginia, died recently. He served as National Chaplain 1963-64.

VA's Q&A CORNER

The following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q. I am the widow of a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. My husband never used the government home loan benefit provided for such veterans. Am I entitled to this loan?

A. You are only if your husband died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred during his World War II or Korean service, and you are presently unmarried. The fact that your husband may or may not have obtained a GI loan would not affect your entitlement to this benefit. Contact the VA regional office or veterans service organization in your area for specific information.

Q. I held on to the National Service Life Insurance term policy after WWII. Is it true that if I continue to hold this policy during my older years it could cost me as much as \$554 a month for this \$10,000 policy?

A. That's correct. Term insurance while you're young is excellent, inexpensive coverage. As you grow older, the cost increases dramatically. You may convert to a permanent plan which will build cash reserve, and the premium will not increase in cost with age. Check with your nearest VA regional office.

Q. What is the amount of the new VA automobile grant which became effective Oct. 1, 1978?

A. \$3,800.

Cecil A. (Sonny) McClellan, past commander of Walter Meyers Post 101 and retired police chief of Carbon Hill, Ala., died of a heart condition at Jasper, Ala.

Correction

It was a case of mistaken identity. Past Mississippi Department Cdr. Robert E. Thompson is hale and hearty, and the death notice in February's "Taps" should have read Robert V. Thompson of Amory, Miss., and not Robert E.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46206.

567th QM Battalion Dispensary. Ralph B. Anastasio needs witnesses to verify that he was treated for nervousness in Chauny, France from December, 1944 to April, 1945. CID 557.

373rd F.G.-412 F.S. William H. Burns, Sr. needs witnesses to verify that while stationed at Bedford AFB, Mass., in 1943, he had trouble with his leg and couldn't do any work. CID 558.

39th AAA Headquarters Battalion Maintenance.

Richard A. Erb needs witnesses to verify that while stationed at Sculthorpe AFB, England, he had severe coughing spells on April 3, 1951. CID 559.

43rd Armored Infantry, 2nd Armored Division. Nicholas J. Sawka needs witnesses to verify that in December, 1951 while stationed at Baumholder, Germany, he fell in a hole in a concrete floor and injured his back. CID 560.

"A" Co., 97th Infantry. Ceser J. Ascalon needs witnesses to verify that a preanal abscess and other complications occurred while stationed at Depot 17, Rizal, Manila, PI in April, 1948. CID 561.

1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Delmar Banks needs witnesses to verify that he injured his back when he fell through the top of a Quonset Hut during disassembly in September, 1954 in Korea. CID 562.

APA 204 Sarasota. Elmer G. Gromau needs witnesses to verify that while in a typhoon loading the ship in 1945, he received head, neck, hip and leg injuries and lumbar spine. CID 563.

USS ENGLAND. Paul C. Hennen needs witnesses to verify that he received treatment for right knee injury while stationed on the USS ENGLAND on May 5, 1965. CID 564.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

Paul A. Smith (1978) Luke-Greenway Post 1, Phoenix, Ariz.

Milford P. Sherman (1978), Chula Vista Post 434, Chula Vista, Calif.

Walter A. Raymond (1976) Michael K. Cheukea (1977), George A. Smith Post 74, Fairfield, Conn.

Rheuben M. Hahr, Sr. (1978), Blanton-Thompson Post 155, Crystal River, Fla.

W. Angus Wiggins, Sr., Charles H. Henry (1978), Wesley P. Dunn Post 143, Daytona Beach, Fla.

George E. Wegner (1977) Robert J. Shackett, E. Gertrude Hill, James P. Hill (1978), J. W. Mathers, Jr. Post 163, Melbourne, Fla.

Byron Strand, George Kuper, John I. Johnson, Richard Cederberg, Arthur Bywell (1978), Lake Region Post 703, Fox Lake, Ill.

Harley Bouse, Homer Doty, D. E. Lorder (1976), New Haven Post 330, New Haven, Ind.

Albert C. Fabacher, Mayas Lejeune, La. Reed (1978), M. J. Reed, Sr. Post 371, Iota, La.

Edwilli Muir (1977), Leland Werner (1978), Jackson Liberty Post 130, Jackson, Minn.

Burt A. Anderson (1978), Nelsan-Horton Post 104, Litchfield, Minn.

Henry Rodenmeyer (1976) Will Brooks (1978), Buchholz-Kiefer Post 150, St. Genevieve, Mo.

C. W. Hektor, K. Hoffo, Milton D. Johnson, L. R. Reeve (1978), Freeborn Post 64, Dutton, Mont.

Joseph Gulbierz (1978), Mine Hill Memorial Post 391, Mine Hill, N.J.

James C. Shepard (1978), Dewey Howlett Post 103, Ashtabula, Ohio

Ray D. Painter (1978), Vickers-Nicholson Post 124, Afton, Okla.

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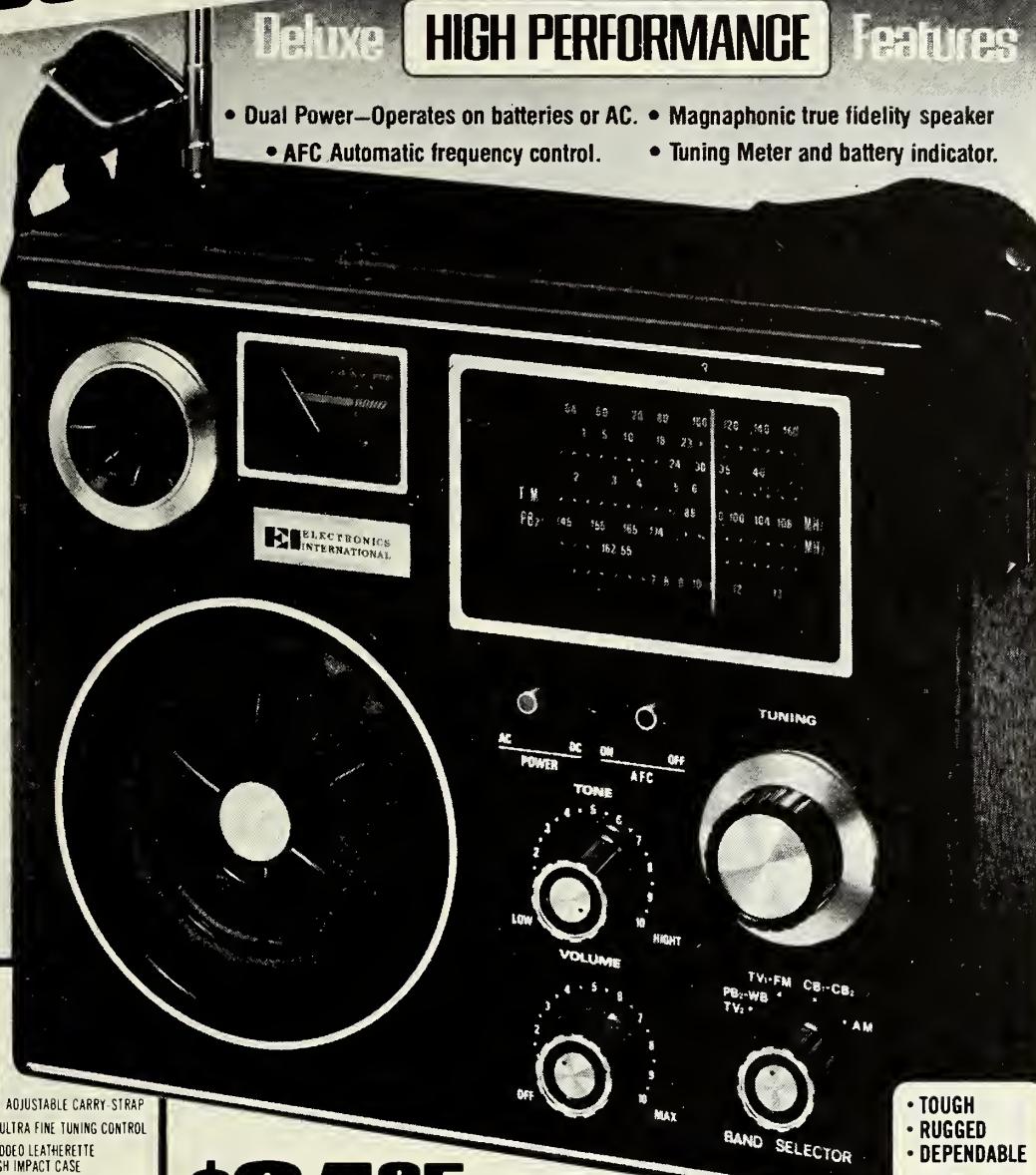
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New Fight Looms On Vet Preference

law and the American tradition in recognizing honorable military service to the nation in time of war.

"All of the arguments advanced against veterans' preference, as it is now written into law, have been discredited and disapproved on a factual basis," Kerby said.

A new development strengthens opposition to weakening veterans' preference.

Rep. James M. Hanley (D-NY) has been elected to chair the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee in the 96th Congress.

An able ally of the Legion, Hanley led the fight on the house floor to save veterans' preference at the last session of Congress. Hanley's leadership prevailed, 281 to 88, in blocking the administration's effort to curtail preference.

Campbell has stated that veterans' preference should be weakened and possibly eliminated to enable the federal government to hire more minorities and women.

American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending Dec. 31, 1978

The following is an actual case from the files of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan:

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Benefits Paid Since April, 1958	\$27,784,305.00
Basic Units in Force (Number)	197,834.00
New Applications Approved	
Since January 1, 1978	2,785
New Applications Declined	1,166
New Applications Suspended	1,164
(Applicants failed to return health form)	

"Effective January 1, 1979 a 15 percent 'across the board' increase will be extended to December 31, 1979."

The American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1958. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Effective Jan. 1, 1976, death benefits range from \$60,000 (6 units through age 29, 25 in Ohio) in decreasing steps of \$125 (1/2 unit at age 75 or over). Previously, maximum was 4 units. This protection is available throughout life, as long as the annual premium is paid, the insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to six units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words "American Legion." Administered by The American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60630, to which write for further details.

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Dateline Washington

JCS Recommends Limited Draft Revival

There's growing concern in Washington over the mobilization capability of our armed forces in the event of war, and with it, a rising demand for revival of the draft on a limited basis.

The draft was ended in 1973, and two years later the government halted compulsory registration of 18-year-old men. Recently, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the House Armed Services Committee have expressed fears that the Selective Service System, reduced to 100 employees, may be incapable of carrying out a mobilization quickly enough for adequate expansion of our voluntary armed forces if suddenly needed.

Both Joint Chiefs and the House Committee urged that at least the mandatory registration of 18-year-olds be resumed so as to speed up the time it takes for mobilization. Some proponents of the limited draft would also require physical and intelligence tests of the potential draftees.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Harold Brown suggests that if registration for draft is revived, it should include young women as well as men.

Drive to Balance U. S. Budget

After years of belittling the idea, Congress is getting excited over the proposal for a Constitutional Amendment requiring the federal government to balance the budget except in time of war or emergency.

Scores of senators and representatives have rushed out early this year to espouse the annual balancing of U. S. expenditures with income. One reason for the haste is that 26 states have on their own initiative petitioned Congress to call a constitutional convention to deal with the amendment. Congress must call the convention if 34 states insist.

The movement of a pay-as-you-go government was given fresh impetus by the California tax revolt, and in its wake, California Gov. Jerry Brown's demand that if Congress fails to act, the states will do so through the convention.

But Congress, or the convention, will have to make some tough decisions, such as: What is a balanced budget? How is estimated revenue to be calculated? And what federal programs are to be cut?

Baby Boom Coming of (Senior) Age

The baby boom that followed World War II, which created tremendous strain on the nation's schools and colleges, and later on the job market, appears to be heading for more problems at the turn of the century when the U.S. can expect an explosion in the population of our senior citizens.

The Census Bureau projects that, fed by the baby boom generation, more than 50 million Americans will be 65 or older by 2025, when they will comprise 17.2 percent of the population. The implications are clear: more federal funds (i.e., taxes) will be needed for social security, medical care, and the like. In Congress, a Select Committee on Population is grappling with the public policy questions involved.

The upward trend in senior citizens is stemming from the longer expectancy of life for Americans to 73.2 years from birth; and a decline in the national death rate, to 8.8 deaths per 1,000 population.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

SIGN OF TIMES

"Searching for justice is the main sign of our times." Pope John Paul II.

GERMANY MODEST

"We don't want to stand out in any way . . . Our economic strength is often overrated, and we'll never be a political giant." German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

JUDGING TRUTH

"We must struggle against the natural desire to judge the truth of a message by the politics of the messenger all the same." Rutgers Professor of History, William L. O'Neill.

CAPITAL KEY

"One very important thing you have to learn in Washington is the difference between appearance and reality." Treasury Secy. Michael Blumenthal.

CATCHING UP

"The recent years of trench warfare between government and industry over fuel economy has resulted in a 1978 car that gets about as many miles per gallon as did the Model A 50 years ago." Transportation Secy. Brock Adams.

WHERE IS U.N.?

"All over the world, states and statelets undermine one another, invade one another with total immunity and total disregard for their obligations under the U.N. Charter." Undersecretary of State during the Johnson administration, Eugene Rostow.

GLUT PROBLEM

"Amidst the glut of insignificance that engulfs us all, the temptation is understandable to stop thinking . . ." President of the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, Steven Muller.

CHINA RIGHTS

"What we cannot understand is how this President, who made human rights a world issue, could so suddenly and callously reject the human rights concerns of both those enslaved in mainland China and those on Taiwan who fear such enslavement." AFL-CIO President George Meany.

TO MARKETPLACE

"The marketplace, not legislation, will ultimately be the most effective weapon against inflation and unemployment." Chmn. and President, Emhart Corporation, T. Mitchell Ford.

GENERAL FADE AWAY?

"I can say categorically that I have no political plans at the moment, but of course in the future I never exclude anything." Supreme Allied Commander of NATO General Alexander M. Haig.

ON LOSING FRIENDS

"The more that the United States looks out of control of events, the more it appears as if our friends are going down without effective American support or even effective American understanding of what is occurring, the more this process will accelerate." Former Secy. of State Henry Kissinger.

LAUGH OR LEAVE

"For Americans these days, the prices abroad are so high that you either laugh out loud or leave quietly." Investment Banker William Salomon.

DEMAND OF TIMES

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10th Armored "Tiger" Division Veterans Association, Western Chapter—(May) John Groeling, 5511-2E Paseo Del Lago, West, Laguna Hills, Calif., 92653

26th Infantry (Yankee) Division—(June) Charles L. Myette, 132 Herrman St., West Springfield, Mass. 01089

Co. "M" 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division—(June) Dallas Monceaux, 1112 N. Church Ave., Kaplan, La. 70548

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70th Infantry Division—(August) Frank J. Moran, 2447 Jefferson Blvd., Hagerstown, Md. 21740

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150th Engineers Combat Battalion—(May) Anthony F. Jackson, 192 Bradford St., Providence, Mass.

Co. E 151st Infantry, 38th Division—(June) Beamer Hampton, 305 Adams St., Darlington, Ind. 47940

176th Field Artillery Regiment, WWII—(May) A. M. Saldamarco, 38 Carver St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

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228th Field Artillery Regiment, WWII—(May) A. M. Saldamarco, 38 Carver St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

243rd Sig. Opr. Co.—(June) Ralph Foster, 901 E. 7th St., Stuttgart, Ark. 72160

245th Combat Engineer Battalion—(May) Robert C. Jarrett, 2609 S. 11th St., St. Joseph, Mo. 64503

338th Infantry, WWII—(May) R. C. Souder, Jr., 1837 Waverland Circle, Macon, Ga. 31211

351st Searchlight Battalion—(June) Bob Johnson, 514 Brown St., Jackson, Minn. 56143

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967th Field Artillery Battalion, WWII—(May) A. M. Saldamarcos, 38 Carver St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206.

1905th Engineer Aviation Battalion—(June) Don Long, 506 Huber Lane, Glenview, Ill. 60025.

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30th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion—(May) Mario Bevilacqua, 111 S. Main Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18504.

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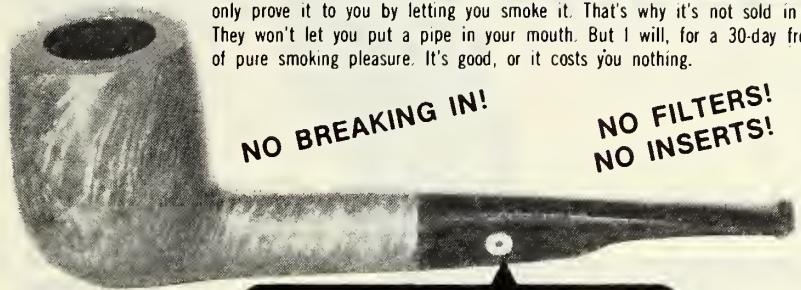
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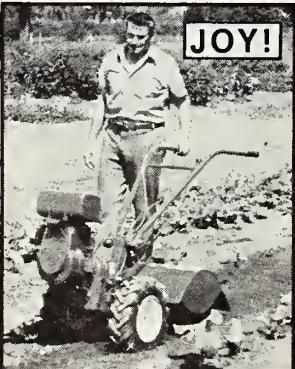
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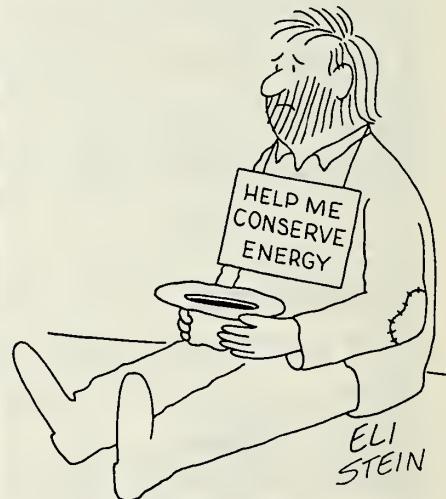
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SILENT WINGS OF WORLD WAR II

flyable planes. Many gliders were overloaded to twice the specified weight which demanded landing speeds of over 100 miles an hour in aircraft with normal landing speeds of just over 50 miles an hour. The troop carriers stayed in business anyway with a total of 96 sorties in the area.

World War II was the time aviation came into its own element. Heretofore people of the world observed "the wild, blue yonder" as being "for the birds," and especially the military. Only a scattered few of the millions of soldiers had ever flown in an airplane of any kind. The fighting Gurkhas from India expressed the general sentiment upon seeing the gliders for the first time—"We're ready to fight, and are not afraid to die, but do you know those airplanes do not have motors?"



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In addition to the absence of motors was the absence of parachutes. The glider was the only aircraft in the AAF that did not have parachutes for the passengers. The glider pilots, however, were ordered to wear them. Since it was considered bad taste to wear the 'chutes when others had none, the pilots used the packs for seat cushions.

Airborne glider riders who knew what a glider looked like were still not overjoyed with the prospect of commando raids behind the enemy lines in the dead of night or any other time. The names they used to describe the assault planes varied in many languages with a few down-right vulgar terms. The English de-

scriptives probably outnumbered all the others. More English-speaking commandos flew in them.

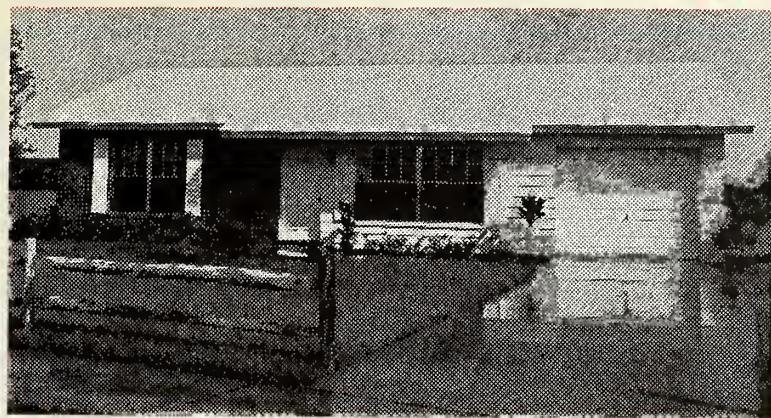
The more popular pet names were "whispering death," "flying coffins," "sitting ducks" and "gooney birds," while the tow pilots unlovingly referred to their wards as "lead chunks."

In recent years the ranks of the glider pilots have begun to dwindle. Their hey-day came and went with World War II. There are no replacements, and the total never exceeded 7,500.

In order to accumulate records, they have organized the National World War II Glider Pilots Association with a War room museum in Dallas, a growing newspaper "Silent Wings," a flyable CG-4A as a joint project with the Confederate Air Force, and a build-up of nostalgic and sentimental bric-a-brac keepsakes. Each year there is a national convention which is attended by British and German glider pilots. When thirst prevails there are regional mini-bashes. Many non-pilots have joined as associate members. However, when the membership falls to the last 15 glider pilots, the museum will be turned over to a "like organization" which stands to be, at the moment, the 82d and 101st Airborne.

Operation Code Names (European Theater)—Listing is alphabetical.

- Anvil (see Dragoon)
- Comet Two (British to Nijmegen, cancelled)
- Dove (southern France)
- Dragoon (earlier Anvil, southern France)
- Eclipse (to Berlin, cancelled)
- Freshman (to Norway, glider raid)
- Fustian (to Sicily)
- Granite (German attack on Ft. Eben Emael)
- Ladbrook (to Sicily)
- Market-Garden (to Holland)
- Neptune (to Normandy)
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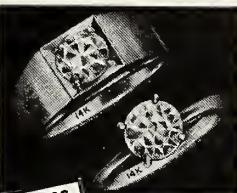
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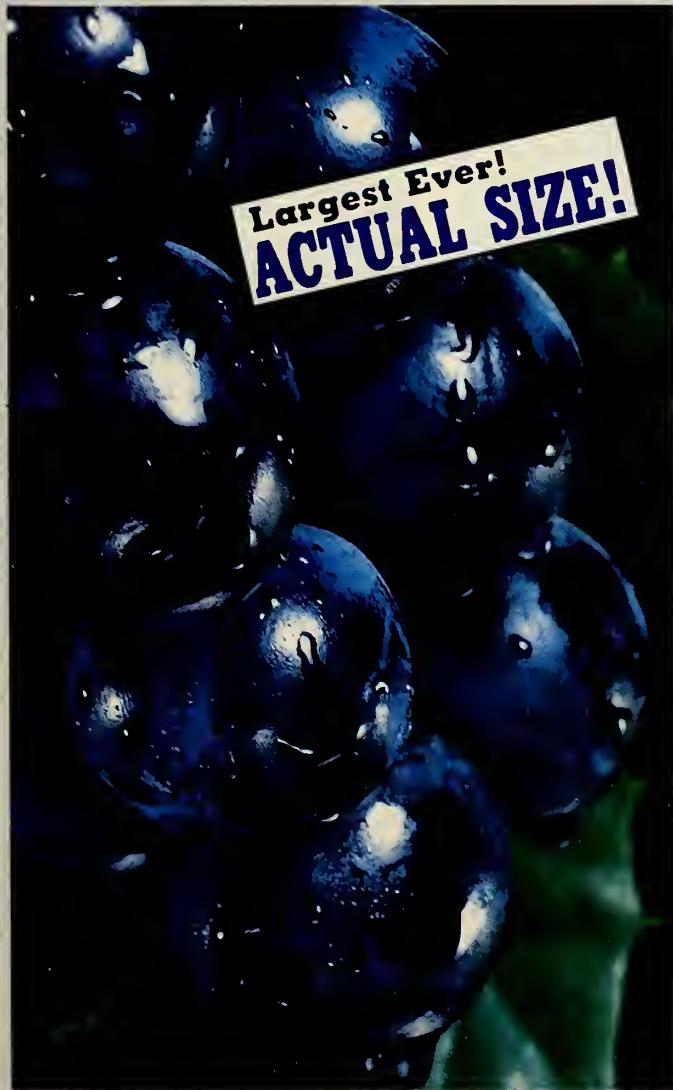
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OUR DECLINING DEFENSE

States has in fact been *disinvesting* in defense.

The process of disinvesting in defense in the United States is a phenomena that troubles many observers, especially those close to defense technology. One reason is because many new weapons systems have been added and these are of far greater technical sophistication and higher performance than those they replaced. As a consequence, inadequate numbers of advanced weapons systems are being introduced into the inventory to replace a much larger number of less sophisticated weapons systems that are being withdrawn because funds are inadequate to support their continued deployment. This process of disinvestment can be dramatically illustrated by noting the fact that, in many cases, entire missions that were an important component of our defense effort for decades have been almost entirely dropped as a consequence of inadequate resources provided to the defense establishment to maintain their deployment.

The best illustration of this can be found in the strategic air defense mission. In 1964, the United States had 107 air defense firing batteries and 40 air defense fighter-interceptor squads. By 1978, all air defense firing batteries were eliminated, and

a token force of only 60 squadrons of 1950s vintage air defense planes remained in the inventory.

Elsewhere in the defense budget, the effect of disinvestment has been more incremental and evolutionary in its impact. The gradual reduction in the number of naval vessels year by year has reached the point where geographic areas, such as the Eastern Mediterranean and the western Pacific, long considered of vital military and diplomatic importance to the United States, may be impossible to defend with our own naval forces.

U.S. naval combatant vessels, including amphibious craft have declined from 546 to 320 vessels in a 15-year period. Indeed, the change has gone so far that the administration is attempting to redefine the Navy's role from its traditional mission of supporting the projection of U.S. military power abroad in favor of a much less ambitious role of concentrating its effort on sea control, a mission more compatible with the diminished capability that the Navy now has as a consequence of 15 years of disinvestment in defense.

While it is useful to note the dimensions of the U.S. disinvestment in defense over a 15-year period, the perspective is not complete until one reviews the context in which American disinvestment has taken place. These are in areas where the Soviets have elected to invest massively in defense in ways that have come to far exceed the American conception

of "parity." In 1964, when the United States was spending \$123 billion in constant FY 78 (fiscal year 1978) dollars, the United States faced a threat from the Soviet Union in the strategic nuclear field of 190 intercontinental ballistic missiles and 107 submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Over the course of a 15-year period, the Soviet Union more than doubled its investment in defense, going from approximately \$80 billion in 1965 to \$170 billion in 1978. This substantial increase in investment on the part of the Soviet Union has had two very important effects. First, it has tended to accelerate the gap between American defense capability and Soviet defense capability. Second, it has provided the Soviet Union with very large increases in the capabilities of both its nuclear and non-nuclear forces.

In 1964, the United States faced a modest threat from the Soviet Union in the form of intercontinental ballistic missiles and the submarine-launched ballistic missiles. By 1978, however, the Soviet ICBM force has resulted in new circumstances. Where the United States once held a comfortable advantage over the Soviet Union, most defense experts now agree that important elements of our strategic forces are in grave jeopardy of becoming vulnerable to a Soviet first strike by the early-1980s.

Although the Soviet Union has not had a military conflict in more than 30 years, it has chosen to channel much of its investment—indeed the greatest share—into improving its non-nuclear forces, particularly those oriented towards the European theater. It has increased the number of divisions in its ground forces from 148 to 170, and increased the manpower per division from 10,000 troops to 11,500. This massive increase in manpower of more than 1.5 million troops represents an increase that is more than twice the size of our standing army.

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Figure 1
TRENDS IN U.S. FORCES: SPENDING AND PROCUREMENT
1964-1978

	1964	1978
Defense Expenditure (constant 1978 dollars)	\$123 billion	\$117 billion
Active Duty Forces	2,685 million	2,090 million
Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles	708	1,054
Poseidon-Polaris Missiles	336	656
Strategic Bomber Squadrons	78	24
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Air Defense Firing Batteries	107	0
Naval Combatant Vessels (incl. amphibious)	546	320
Defense Expenditures as a Percent of:		
Federal Budget (Outlays)	42.9%	25.0%
Gross National Product	8.2%	5.4%
All Public Spending	28.6%	16.5%

Figure 2
TRENDS IN SOVIET FORCES: SPENDING AND PROCUREMENT
1964-1978

	1964	1978
Defense Expenditures (1978 constant dollars)	\$80 billion	\$170 billion
Active Duty Forces	3.3 million	4.8 million
Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles	190	1,475
Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles	107	950
Army Divisions	148	170
Tanks	30,000	40,000+
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development dictated by the U.S. disinvestment in defense. The increase in tanks produced by the Soviet Union has allowed them to substantially strengthen their divisions. The standard Soviet mechanized division (known as Motorized Rifle Division) now has 266 tanks, nearly as many as a full-scale U.S. armored division. Regrettably, however, the U.S. Army has only 16 divisions in its entire force structure, and it is questionable whether a 16-division force can compete with the armed forces of an opposing nation with a force structure with nearly 10 times as many combat units.

Other elements of the Soviet force structure have been modernized through large increases in Soviet investment in defense. Since 1964, 1,500 new tactical aircraft have been added to the Soviet Air Force, but more importantly, the character of the new entrants to the Soviet tactical aircraft inventory are far more sophisticated than the units they replace. Unlike the United States experience, however, where the addition of more advanced units invariably means reduction in overall numbers, the Soviets have continued to mass-produce military equipment of relatively high quality. The Soviet MIG-23 Flogger, for example, can be described as an aircraft with approximately two-thirds the capability of the advanced U.S. F-111, giving the Soviets an incipient advantage in tactical air power, the mainstay of U.S. non-nuclear warfare superiority since 1942.

Soviet determination to maintain a powerful military establishment is evident from the fact that their investment in defense is nearly three times that of the United States when expressed in terms of the fraction of the Gross National Product invested in the defense establishment. Moreover, the Soviet investment in defense is growing at a rate of 4 to 5 percent a year. On the other hand, the United States has targeted a maximum of 3 percent real growth in defense expenditure for the next few years. However, it is by no means clear at this writing that the budget finally submitted by the administration and acted upon by the Congress will reflect the continued investment in defense at a real growth rate of 3 percent per annum. In any case, 3 percent is unlikely to be sufficient over the long term to adequately meet U.S. defense requirements in the face of the single-minded obsession of the Soviet leadership to acquire all accoutrements of military power. ■

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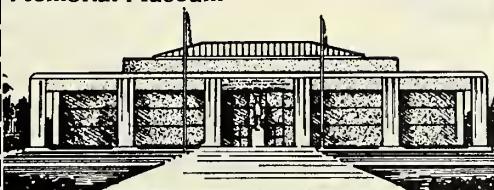
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**WHY ARE WE
IN SPACE?**

tion would be more limited, air and water pollution more difficult to monitor, and population census harder to make. Further, the Alaskan pipeline might still be in the courts as environmentalists seek other ways to protect the tundra from pipe ruptures that seemed inevitable. It was the heat pipe, first pioneered aboard spacecraft, that finally settled the problem and led to the law permitting construction of the pipeline.

Satellites also keep a watchful eye on destructive insects. For instance, to eradicate the livestock-devastating screwworm in the U.S. and Mexico, millions of the sterile male insects are dropped in the infested regions to mate with females, thereby eliminating offspring. Satellites pinpoint precise locations within the vast geographical areas involved. Without satellites, thousands of additional communications links would have to be constructed to do the same job. In fact, the task would be so enormous as well as nearly financially impossible that it probably would not have been undertaken if it were not for satellites.

Other spinoffs from the space era can be found closer to earth. Thin, flat electric wires originally devised for spacecraft are replacing between-the-wall, bulky cables in several demonstration buildings, and baseboard flat wires for homes and under-the-carpet wires are now being tested in an attempt to lower costs through reduced installation time.

Wall panels for many prefab homes are now made from high-performance plastics developed for rocket castings and liquid hydrogen containers. The plastic panels now save more than 15 percent of the cost of conventional prefab panels.

While many devices have not yet reached the general market, a surprising number of well-known household products also are space spinoffs. For instance, the space program was the originator of those high-energy, button-sized batteries for cameras, hearing aids, toys, and radios, and the larger, nickel-cadmium batteries that power portable tools and sports equipment. New fire-retardant materials developed first for spacecraft are finding their way into clothing, curtains, and carpets. Electric motors in our vacuum cleaners, electric shavers, and movie cameras would burn out quicker without the dry space

lubricants they contain—lubricants devised first to work in the vacuum of deep space. Digital quartz-crystal clocks and the light-emitting-diode watches that have the accuracy of up to one second a year wouldn't be here either without space technology. They were developed originally for the Apollo moon missions.

Nor has human health been overlooked by the space age.

Probably the best-known space spinoff to health is the cardiac pacemaker, an outgrowth of miniaturized solid-state circuitry developed for spacecraft where a multitude of instruments and devices had to be crammed into small volumes. Until only recently, some 30,000 Americans who wear pacemakers had to undergo surgery every 22 months or so when their batteries ran low. But now a new NASA-assisted innovation of the original space-spawned pacemaker recharges the instrument's batteries through the skin by inductance. A patient simply wears a charger vest for an hour once a week to recharge the pacemaker.

Another heart disease benefit spun off from the space program is the "Telecare" emergency system. Since more than 60 percent of deaths resulting from heart attacks occur within an hour after the attack, it makes sense to utilize the ambulance time for diagnosis and treatment. What better way to do this than to adapt the system originally designed to monitor astronauts' heartbeat? More and more ambulances are being equipped with this special device that enables paramedics to transmit vital heart data ahead to the hospital so doctors can begin analysis before the patient arrives.

And the spinoffs from space continue to mount with every passing year. But let's consider science as a whole.

While the foregoing benefits are tangible, future progress can come only from an improvement in our understanding of nature. Newton, Faraday, Einstein, and the other great explorers of the unknown throughout the ages knew this. But a reverse current has begun to flow into our modern world, to which science has contributed so much, and many people often lose sight of the benefits to be gained by unraveling nature's secrets. Instead, they turn to false values, such as astrology (currently enjoying a zenith in popularity), or denigrate science for the havoc it has reaped on the world. The fact that science and technology are neutral and that it is the use to which we put

them that is suspect often escapes notice.

For thousands of years, man behaved as though he would forever remain on the surface of this planet. Suddenly, in the brief geologic span of less than six decades, airplanes, then spacecraft, irrevocably altered the need for such behavior. The famous Club of Rome's study of world dynamics at MIT, "The Limits to Growth," projected catastrophic collapse based on the now-archaic trendline. But what the MIT study actually reveals is that we cannot forever continue without seeking raw materials from beyond the earth. "The Limits of Growth" thus becomes the best argument yet advanced for why we are in space.

Man's view of creation has been altered significantly as a result of both space astronomy and the Apollo flights. We have seen "superclusters" of galaxies bound together by a hot and tenuous gas. We have proved Einstein's theories that radio signals between earth and spacecraft will be slowed as they pass the sun. We have discovered a discstar in the process of forming its own planets, and have altered our theories of how planets are born and created.

Similarly, planetary probes now have stretched mankind's influence through the asteroid belt beyond Mars and across the billion miles from Jupiter to Saturn. The Pioneers are continuing out to the orbit of Pluto and then, beyond the solar system, to interstellar space.

Closer to home, we now know that the old theories of the moon being captured by the earth or formed by a splitting of the protoearth are too simple. A new theory of atmospheric fission is emerging, in which the moon was formed from a hot earth atmosphere many times more massive than the moon.

Without the space program, we would have no chance of encountering life beyond the earth. Without the space program, we would have denied our civilization—and future generations—the most effective of all mechanisms to accumulate and apply new knowledge on a vast scale.

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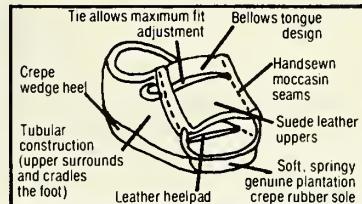
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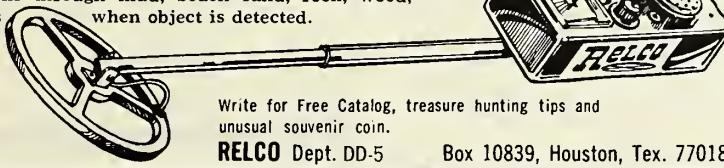
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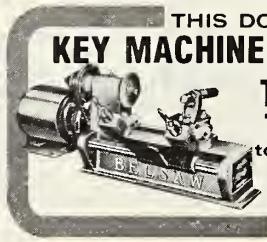
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They and designers are also attending to aerodynamics, pressing for every tenth-of-a-mile-per-gallon improvement they can achieve through streamlining. But the major thrust is weight reduction, and anyone who has tried to drop 30 pounds from their personal frames understands how tough the industrial crash diet is. Example: A truck by its nature insists upon heavy-duty brakes and wheels. How to take weight out of those and other items without sacrificing safety?

The Department of Transportation initially asked for more than the industry could deliver when it imposed 1980-81 mileage requirements. DOT was lobbied right out of its bureaucratic socks. It was warned last spring that unemployment would result if it did not ease off, the warning coming not only from truckmakers but also from an all-star group of special pleaders, including the United Auto-workers Union, the NAACP, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, trucking associations and others—a coalition neatly orchestrated by Chrysler Corporation, whose truckmaking division, Dodge, employs many thousands of Detroit- and St. Louis-area people who would have been jobless had not DOT relaxed its demands.

Special interest groups or not, government must act, given potential energy shortages. The massive shift to trucks is threatening to overcome the fuel savings realized by smaller cars. Detroit marketers say most light truck purchases are made by previous truck owners, but that

at least 15 percent of current sales are to consumers switching from cars, some of which offer city/highway averages up to 40-mpg, far beyond the capabilities of most trucks.

Miles-per-gallon specter or not, truckmakers are committing outlandishly large financial and other resources to meet the burgeoning market. Ford is spending more than \$700 million to bring out a new line of pickups and utilities in 1980. They'll weigh about 400 pounds less than contemporary models.

The trend to trucks has been a lifesaver for American Motors Corporation. Its car division has been on an extended losing streak, operating deep in the red quarter after quarter. But the company's AM General Corporation, which among other things produces Jeep, dominates the utility vehicle market. AMC had not the slightest trouble selling every single Jeep, Wagoneer and Cherokee its workers can build, doing so well that profits from Jeep more than compensate for losses incurred by its car operations.

Peculiarly, the light truck phenomenon so far is uniquely American. Fewer than 10,000 units were sold in all of Europe in 1977. That probably will change. The Japanese are now testing the European market. If a contemplated blending of resources by AMC and Renault is achieved, that will open up much of the world market to Jeep, which hopes to begin retailing through the French company's dealership organization.

Trucks on occasion can cause family problems, even for the parties who build them. One auto executive's son came home one recent day in a pickup on which was inscribed the pious contention that "God loves grass." Without examining the basis for that claim, the displeased father had the message painted over.

Nothing seems to stand in the way of truck sales, at least so says Don Bouchard of Chevrolet. "We're a nation of more than 200 million," he said, "and at the rate people consume soft drinks, generate refuse, use up goods, you need trucks. It seems that no matter what happens, it increases the need for trucks. Even in the conservation of energy: Insulation for a house has to be delivered by truck. You carry groceries home, but how did the groceries get to the store?"

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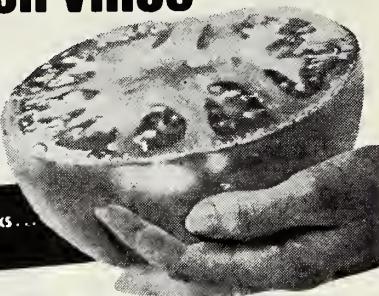
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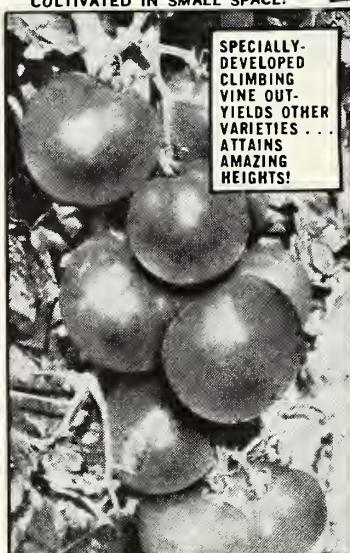
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The Quiet Invasion

ly be processed for employment. A crop could be lost before the forms were approved.

There is an even more sordid side to the illegal coin. A few unscrupulous Americans thrive and capitalize on the desire of the foreigner to come and work in the United States. These are the smugglers and "marriage brokers" who for a heavy price, will get a person into the country and then perform all the illegal chores that will keep them here.

They prey on the dreams of persons from poverty-stricken and less developed countries. There is literally no hardship these unfortunates won't endure or price they won't pay to come to this land of milk and honey.

Immigration agents found that half the 140 passengers on a recent flight from Los Angeles to Chicago were illegal aliens. Some 7,000 human smugglers were arrested in 1977 by the INS and 90,000 illegals were stopped at ports of entry. But hundreds slip the nets. Smugglers collect an average of \$700 a head for bringing in illegal aliens. The Chinese market out of Hong Kong paid a smuggler as much as \$1,500.



"Sorry I'm late, Mom, the bus driver broke down."

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The "marriage broker" uses a law under which the spouse of an American citizen is able to gain almost immediate admission to the United States and ultimate citizenship.

INS agents in Texas apprehended a man operating a small business as a tax consultant and notary public. He was found to have a much larger business in finding U.S. spouses for aliens who wanted to enter the United States. His own records disclosed that he had arranged 3,500 such marriages at a price of \$1,500 each. After the alien entered the

country the marriage was dissolved through divorce, but the alien was privileged to stay and ultimately apply for citizenship.

The INS also recounts the story of a Miami, Fla., woman who had a very imaginative marriage arrangement business.

According to the INS files, she had married six alien men to facilitate their entry into this country. She had two daughters and each of them married three alien men. In addition, her common-law husband married two alien women. Their 14 marriages were arranged for about \$1,000 each.

But the story doesn't end there. In addition to the fees collected for the sham marriages, this enterprising Miami woman applied for and collected welfare under each of her six "married" names. Her two daughters did the same under each of their three "married" names. The woman also collected an aid-to-dependent children welfare check for two children, one of whom had been brought into the country by one of the illegal aliens she had "married." Finally, she was assigned a rent-free public housing apartment. She sublet it and pocketed the rent.

The story did have a happy ending for the American taxpayer. The woman was convicted of fraud and the 14 alien "husbands" were deported.

The fraud, deceit and criminal violations of all kinds associated with the entire illegal alien problem are compounded by another flourishing racket—the forgers and their ilk who sell phony documents such as passports, visas, social security cards, driver's licenses, birth certificates, baptismal papers and even honorable discharges to the illegals for a very heavy price.

The U.S. State Department is frequently the apologist for debatable foreign and national policies.

In lieu of a national policy to correct the abuses of illegal immigration, Matthew Nimetz, department counselor, says:

"We do not plan to close America's borders or to become a police state."

In the next breath, Nimetz says:

"Given this overall American philosophy, we must go on to develop a sensible, legally and morally acceptable, system for managing the new migration before it reaches proportions that exceed a level that this country can absorb."

So the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy will study the problem for the next year and a half.

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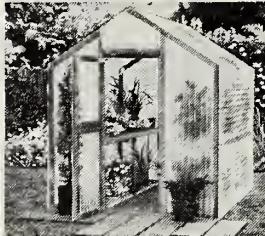
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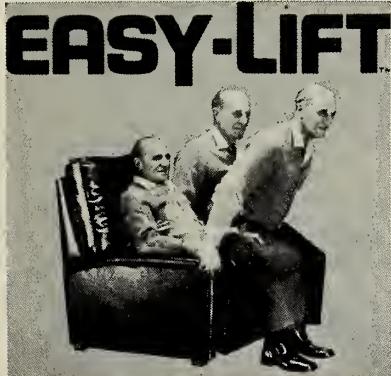
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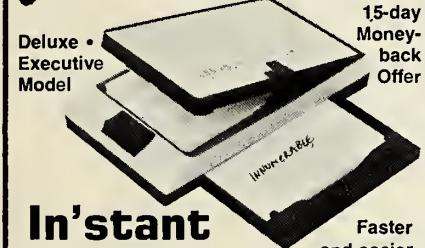
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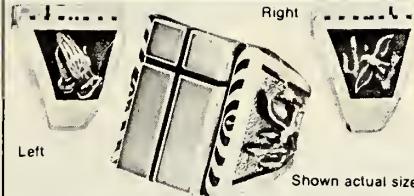
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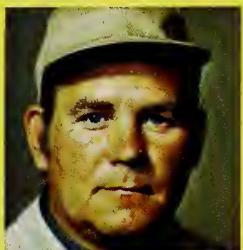
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